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### February 1 ~ 11 a.m. Sermon ~ "The Little Boy"

*I was hiking up a mountain when an excruciating moment set me on the path to social activism. Along the way, the challenges taught me some hard lessons, including learning to be thankful for the obstacles I encountered.*

### Discussion with Mark ~ 1 to 2:45 pm

*"The Selma Awakening: How the Civil Rights Movement  
Tested and Changed Unitarian Universalism"*

UU minister, James Reeb, was murdered, but given Unitarian Universalism's uneven engagement in race relations, it was not the most natural thing in the world for so many UUs to rush to Selma. Why did they – including Reverends Don and Vilma Harrington – go and what role did UUs end up playing? Explore these and other questions (e.g.), why, after Selma, was UUism unprepared for Black Power? And is becoming more diverse still a struggle? Mark Morrison-Reed will introduce you to *The Selma Awakening* as well as the meditation manual *Voices from the Margins and Darkening the Doorways: Black Trailblazers and Missed Opportunities in Unitarian Universalism*.

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### February 8 ~ 11 a.m. Sermon ~ "Hiroshima"

*How my father's love of chemistry led him to be involved in the making of the A-bomb and why I, in response to an inner call, traveled to Hiroshima to come to terms with an event that happened before I was born.*

### Discussion with Mark ~ 1 pm to 2:30 pm

Discussion of BAWA and BAC during the "Black Empowerment" struggles in UU congregations and the Unitarian Universalist Association between 1967 and 1971. Community Church members were instrumental with BAWA (Black and White Action); BAC is the acronym for Black Affairs Council.

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## **BIRTHDAYS** **February 2015**

- 1 Herbert Krampner
- 3 Dorothy James  
Hana Dolgin  
Anne Kelemen  
Lori Vlaeminck
- 4 Wade Hampton  
Kyree Hurd
- 5 Leonore Tiefer
- 9 Etta Green Johnson
- 12 Judith Coppock Gex
- 17 Julien Buron
- 19 Gerard Byrne
- 20 Eugene Flynn
- 22 Valerie Sarris
- 23 Rosetta Pervan  
Modesto Matos
- 24 Marjorie Vai
- 27 Natalie Webb
- 28 Kathleen Polkabila

## **Welcome New Members**

Diane Austin

Diane, we welcome you to Community!

## **BIRTHDAYS** **March 2015**

- 2 Jack Seiferth  
Michael Orzechowski
- 3 Gerard McCadden  
Jeff Cioletti
- 6 Jennifer Hampshire
- 7 John Quinn
- 15 Asfaha Hadera
- 18 Dorothy Francis
- 20 Danielline Martinez
- 21 Marsha Peru
- 22 Rev. Dr. Anthony  
Johnson
- 23 Felicia Sobel
- 28 Betty Vera
- 30 Delores Browne  
Joshua Douglass

## **Members Out and About**



Jonathan Hampton graduated from Virginia Military Institute and signed up for the Army Reserves. He is presently in Basic Training in Fort Benning, Georgia... then to San Antonio, Texas for Medic training. His parents, Helene Summa and Wade Hampton are very proud of him. So is everyone at Community Church. We wish Jonathan all the best as he continues his training and serving our country.

## **News from Janice Marie Johnson ~ Welcome, Simone!**

I am thrilled to note my new status as grandmother of Simone Octavia Huie Durant. Her birth was, thankfully, "non-eventful." She is doing great! Her parents, Lehna and Divad, are also doing great. And there's more! My niece Jova and Simone share a January 16th birthday (with a similar birth time, too). As is our Jamaican custom, the family – inclusive of Grandma Leatrice (neonatal critical care nurse, aka YaYa), G-Tante Hope, Tia Esther, Godmother Kendra, and various members of the Huie, Durant, and Johnson families – celebrated Jova's birthday at midnight. Shortly thereafter, at 1:14 am, Auntie Jova and everyone else welcomed Simone. We know that it will take a multicultural village to raise Simone. How blessed we are to have *Community* as our religious and communal foundation and home. A new journey begins...!

## **Member's Poetry**

### **"DAY DREAMS"**

**JUST SUPPOSE THERE WAS NO DARKNESS**

**ENVISION ONLY A SOFT ROSY LIGHT**

**MAYBE NO FRIGID COLD, ONLY A SWEET  
WARMING BREEZE**

**PICTURE NO NIGHTMARES OF WAR  
OR CORROSIVE HATRED**

**EMBRACE THE THOUGHT OF NO AGING  
OR DECAYING**

**COMFORTING BEAUTY AND RAPTUREOUS  
JOY WOULD REIGN**

**A WORLD WHERE NO SUFFERING  
COULD EVEN GET IN**

**THE PASSWORD WOULD BE LOVE**

**JUST SUPPOSE YOU AND I WERE GOD!**

Vera Lilly

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### Now and Then

Eva Foreman

Sophie! — I called out — do I have your permission to write about you in our paper?

A smile lit up her lovely face: "yes Grandmomma, yes!"

I go back in time now. Hungarian by birth, a short background follows.

My great-grandmother never took a train in her entire life. She also cried in shame when she had to eat store-bought bread.

My cousin married a young woman from a nearby village. She was never truly accepted by the family and was considered a "stranger".

Fast forward:

My first husband and I escaped from Hungary after the 1956 uprising. Settled in the U.S.

Our son Andy after college graduation went to China, motivated by one of his professors. He met there an equally adventurous young woman-Isabelle from France. They were married in the south of France and later adopted Sophie-now 10 years old from China.

Ithaca N.Y. is their home. Andy is professor at Cornell, Isabelle is telecommuting in information technology located in St Louis.

Their marriage is solid, wonderfully combining French-Hungarian and Chinese roots.

The only discord is between their two cats. (Born in the U.S.)

Is there any wonder then that it makes me somewhat optimistic about the future of mankind, in spite of what we experience today?

Progress is never a straight line we know that. My family is a proof of that.

Let me finish in true grandmotherly pride with one of Sophie's poems:

"Moon, full and round

The moon watches

Watches the hunters hunt

Watches the prey run

It knows our secrets

The moon, our eternal keeper

For it is our earth's everlasting companion"



## MUSIC AT COMMUNITY

Join Gerald A. Brown, Music Director, for our annual Music Service ~ FEBRUARY 22

Volunteer Choir Rehearsals

Sundays February 1, 8, 16 from 12:45 to 2 pm

February 22 from 9:30 to 10:30 am

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### A Personal Note from Greg Jones, Community Church member and UU Seminarian

By Greg Jones



**G**reetings! Having promised to stay in touch, I'm offering this mid-year update on the progress of my "sojourn" as a UU seminarian.

First, though, I want to thank you for the many kind words of encouragement

and caring that I've received via email and Facebook from Community Church members over the past several months. Your thoughtfulness keeps me feeling well-connected to Community Church!

It was good to see many of you on Christmas Eve, during my holiday pilgrimage back to join the Community Church choir for our annual Messiah performance! For the first time, I also attended the Candle-Lighting service that afternoon, and found it especially meaningful. There were fresh faces in the Hall of Worship for both events, and it was clear they draw new friends and families from around the neighborhood.

In mid-December, I finished my first semester of full-time study at Andover Newton Theological School ([www.ants.edu](http://www.ants.edu)), which is located just outside of Boston in Newton Centre, Massachusetts. The numerical density of Unitarian Universalist congregations in the Boston area has allowed me to observe an extraordinarily broad

sampling of UU worship and ministry styles, as well as the full range of theological diversity within our UU movement.

Andover Newton taps area UU ministers to serve as adjunct professors for UU-specific courses, and I will be able to get most of my required UU courses right on campus. In addition, Andover Newton students are eligible to take courses at Harvard Divinity School and have full privileges to the entire Harvard University library system, which has already allowed me to "deep dive" into some fascinating UU study topics.

I am currently preparing for my interview with the UUA Regional Subcommittee on Candidacy (RSCC) in early March 2015. This is the second milestone in the process of becoming credentialed and eventually granted fellowship as a UU minister. The RSCC will be evaluating my qualifications and commitment to Unitarian Universalism, and (if all goes well), conferring on me formal status as a Candidate within the ministerial credentialing process.

The best part of my seminary experience, so far, has been meeting and learning alongside a large and diverse group of aspirants and candidates for future UU ministry. There are over 30 UU students at Andover Newton, making "UUs" the second largest cohort of students on campus, and puts Andover Newton among the schools serving the largest numbers of UU seminarians, over-all. Students in my classes have come from all over the country, from tiny UU fellowships to huge UU churches and societies, and everything in between. They bring a variety of perspectives and richness of experience to our UU courses, and to the larger learning community. From their quality and passion for service, I can affirm that the future of UU ministerial leadership is bright!

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### Update on United Nations & Global Affairs

By Fay Bennett Lord

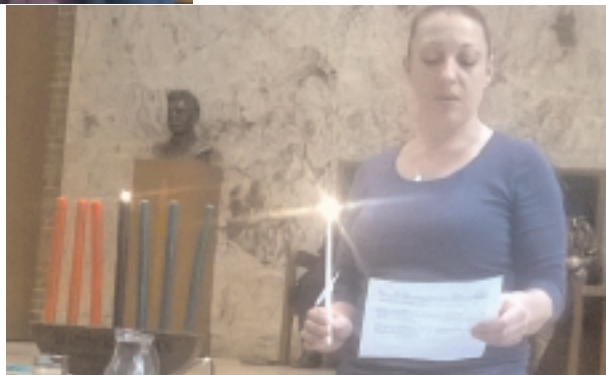
The United Nations is besieged by debt, pressing Millennium Development Goals (MDGs, 2015), and a spectrum of critics who advocate Palestinian statehood and greater military intervention in the Middle East to the abolition of drones and nuclear weapons. In the 193-nation General Assembly, 188 countries supported a Latin American initiative and voted on October 28, 2014 to end the economic, commercial, and financial embargo imposed by the United States against Cuba. This has been an annual ritual at the United Nations since 1992 to pass this non-binding resolution; it is one of the few issues where the Western allies part ways with the United States. Many UN member states, such as Iran, on behalf of the 120-nation bloc of nonaligned countries, and Bolivia, on behalf of the Group of 77 plus China, a group of developing nations, as well as Mexico and India, have recently praised Havana, Cuba for sending more doctors than any other country to West Africa to combat the biggest outbreak of Ebola since the disease was identified in 1976.



This December, 2014, U. S. President Obama put pressure on Congress to provide greater funding to fight Ebola in the U.S. and abroad, especially in Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea, and other West African countries; moreover, President Obama has changed directions with Cuba through Executive Action. He has announced several legal approaches to reopen, renew, and improve relations with the Cuban people and those in the Hispanic diaspora.

UNGAC programs at Community Church of NY have featured UN experts on the Middle East, Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean (videotapes are available; contact: flord459@aol.com). For an update on Palestine and Latin America, the UN&GAC proudly invites its members, affiliates, and supporters to its February 22 Luncheon (\$7) and UN program in honor of Black History Month, at Community Church of NY, from noon to 3 pm. Honorable David Strachan will moderate. Dr. Judith Anderson, a cultural anthropologist, and College of New Rochelle School of New Resource students will be featured.

### KWANZAA CELEBRATION



## Nominating Committee

**D**ear Members:

George Odell reminds us:  
*We need one another when we would accomplish some great purpose, and cannot do it alone...*

We are writing as members of the Nominating Committee. Our task is to find and invite the best leadership for this congregation at any given time.

Let us surprise you with the following: The Board, Council, and Nominating Committee are functioning smoothly and well. Service on these bodies is even enjoyable and fun!

Service to our congregation is critical to our identity, to our sense of grace and gratitude, and to this community. It is something we all need to participate in for the health of this congregation. The alternative is a congregation that is disengaged, that says, "Let someone else do it."

Some of us have served in the recent or not so recent past. Some of us have never served. Now is the time to consider serving our beloved Community.

Among the pluses of membership are opportunities to grow and to deepen our engagement with this community. After all, this is a rich landscape to explore and enhance.

Being asked to serve is an honor and an opportunity. When someone from the Nominating Committee approaches you, it is because you have been seriously considered in our deliberations – it is not a whim.

The congregation has expressed its wish on several occasions that it be governed by a broad base of its members as opposed to a narrow group of experts. We have created the space for that level of engagement.

Now it is your turn. We invite you to reach out to any member of the Nominating Committee. Please consider stepping up!

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## Jewish Opera Lives – New Lecture Series

*Introduction by Joel Mandelbaum*

I want to offer a few words about the series of illustrated talks that Dr. Lenard Lehrman will be giving on Jewish Opera that began with the Social Tea on January 20. It continues on Wednesdays, February 25, March 18, April 22 and May 13, at 2 pm in the Assembly Hall.



Lehrman, who recently succeeded Jerry Brown as Music Director of our Metropolitan Synagogue, has composed the quintessential Jewish opera, *Hannah*, whose libretto contains footnotes referring to a hundred sources, biblical and scholarly, to support the opera premise that the Maccabean rebellion, which Jews celebrate as Channukah, began with a woman's refusal to consent to the "droit di seigneur" imposed by the Greek rulers.

Lehrman undertook extensive research to prepare a course on Jewish opera for the Hebrew Union College at which rabbis and cantors of the Reform Movement are trained. I attended a fabulous class about *Fiddler on the Roof* at which Sheldon Harnick, the librettist was present. Then, quite suddenly, the course was cancelled. I thought it would be a terrible waste of Lehrman's accumulated knowledge to go unharvested. I suggested that he give highlights of his course here at Community and persuaded the Maldeb Foundation to defray the costs.

Jewish Opera may not be a subject that comes immediately to mind when one asks the question, "What might a UU congregation look for on a topic to study?" Nevertheless opera, a secular medium whose music can provide deeply spiritual overtones, may be a link between the UU and Jewish outlooks.

Dr. Lehrman has built this series around topics that should be of interest to us. The first lecture (at the Social Tea) involved operas that dealt with social justice. Others will deal with women's role in society, the Holocaust, and one particular woman, Emma Goldman, the revolutionary who found public support from John Haynes Holmes. Even what might appear the most arcane of topics, dybbuks turns out to be highly associated with our central core of ideals.

The four operas Lehrman cites, including my own, are all musical workings of a single play. "The Dybbuk" by Sholom Ansky, the great masterpiece of Yiddish literature. In it, the harm (leading to the tragic death of both hero and heroine) is caused by the patriarch's forgetfulness – itself caused by placing wealth above all other values.

**WED. FEB. 25**     ***Dybbuks***

Jerrold Morgulas, Joel Mandelbaum,  
Ludovico Rocca, Leonard Bernstein,  
Shulamit Ran

**WED. MAR. 18**     ***Biblical Women***

Elizabeth Hoffman, Elizabeth Swados et al

**WED. APR. 22**     ***The Holocaust***

David Amram, Daniel Burwasser,  
Joel Mandelbaum et al

**WED. MAY 13**

***Emma Goldman*** (75th anniversary of her  
death 5/14/40)  
Howard Zinn, Elaine Fine, Leonard Lehrman

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## Free Tax Filing at Community Church ~ AARP Offering

**N**ext year, in 2015, free tax preparation and free e-filing will be available again at the Community Church! **Every Thursday from February 5 through April 9, AARP volunteers, who are certified by the IRS, will be available to do your tax returns, free.** Yes, there is no cost and no income limit. We prepare taxes using computers and must file all returns electronically. AARP Tax-Aide is the largest free tax assistance and preparation service in the United States. Although TaxAide gives special attention to people over age 60, we do taxes for people of all ages. We can and will do both Federal and New York State returns.

**Each Thursday, hours will be 10 am to 2 pm.** We will take taxpayers on a first come, first served basis. As there is a limit of how many returns we can do in one day, we may not be able to take you if we already have the maximum number of taxpayers we can assist. In that case, we may ask you to come the following week or suggest you visit another one of our sites in Manhattan or the Bronx. **So come early and bring everything that is pertinent.**

Here are some important tips:

You must have proper ID: Social Security Cards for you, your spouse & each dependent as well as your photo ID.

Bring:

All tax information statements summarizing your 2014 income: Forms W-2, Forms 1099 for: Social Security payments, interest, retirement benefits, and annual tax statements from brokers, etc.

Details including any support for deductions and credits: medical, childcare, education, etc.; which you must total and/or summarize for us.

This year because of the Affordable Care Act, you also need to show proof of health coverage or exemption.

Any other materials that you believe may be relevant to your 2014 Federal or State taxes.

**Wait until you receive all tax forms that are due to you.** Even though all forms must be sent by January 30th, they don't always get there in time. If you don't receive something you are owed, call the company, bank or brokerage firm in early February and get them to send it immediately. Once you've received everything, come to see us.

**Please plan to stay a while.** One preparer will do your tax return and then a second person, the Quality Reviewer, must go over the entire return to check for accuracy. Although we can usually do returns in 1 to 2 hours, you may have to wait for a tax preparer to become free — so it could be a long day. **So don't make another appointment the day you come to us!** And it's better not to wait until the last week, in case we can't take you that day. Once we start your return, it must be e-filed from the Community Church site.

**Make sure you are in our scope.** Returns with voluminous data (like more than 5 brokerage statements) small businesses with losses or small businesses with expenses in excess of \$10,000 or less common types of income, credits or deductions are called "Out of Scope" of the AARP program. In those cases you will have to go to a professional tax preparers.

Our volunteers are looking forward to helping you!

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## OPPORTUNITIES 2015

### **Hatha Yoga with Nafisa Degani – Tuesdays, 6-7:30 pm and Saturdays, 12:30-2 pm, Rear Lounge**

Hatha Yoga is a branch of yoga which concentrates on physical health and mental well-being. Hatha yoga uses bodily postures (asanas), breathing techniques (pranayama), and meditation (dyana) with the goal of bringing about a sound, healthy body and a clear, peaceful mind. There are nearly 200 hatha yoga postures, with hundreds of variations, which work to make the spine supple and to promote circulation in all the organs, glands, and tissues. Hatha yoga postures also stretch and align the body, promoting balance and flexibility with very slow controlled movements. Please bring a yoga mat to the class.

### **First Saturday Feeding of the Hungry in the Bowery Saturdays, February 7 and March 7, 10:45 am, Offsite**

We invite you to help the Sai Baba Group feed the hungry on the First Saturday of each month. We meet on Forsyth, just south of Houston at 10:45 am. Please bring vegetarian food to share with the over 100 people who come. This is an outdoor event so dress for the weather. For more information contact Valerie Lynch at vlynch@ccny.org or 212-683-4988, ext. 19

### **Secular Humanist Society of New York Book Club – Thursdays, February 5 and March 5, 7-8:30 pm, Conference Room**

Some of us will have dinner together afterwards at a nearby (inexpensive) restaurant. Please join us. Join us even if you haven't finished reading. The book club is open to all ... and free!

February: ***FIELDS OF BLOOD: Religion and the History of Violence*** by Karen Armstrong.

March: ***DOUBT: A HISTORY*** by Jennifer Michael Hecht (We'll conclude our study.)

### **Anti-Racism Team – Fridays, February 6 and March 6, 6:30pm, Gallery and Sunday, February 15 and March 22, 1:00 pm, Assembly Hall**

The team offers films and discussions on the first Fridays of the month and occasional Sundays.

### **Pathways 1 – Let's Get Acquainted-Sunday, February 15, 12:45-1:30 pm, Chapel**

We invite you to a warm, small group conversation with Rev. Bruce Southworth, our Senior Minister. He will offer an introduction to Unitarian Universalism and history of Community Church. He will also share his own faith journey. Bring your questions! Visitors and New Members are welcome.

### **UU Christian Fellowship – Third Thursdays, February 19 and March 19, 7:30-9 pm, Conference Room**

Theme for the year is Desert Spirituality. All are welcome.

MNY-UUCF, a local chapter of the national UU Christian Fellowship (UUCF), is led by the Rev. Dr. Kelly Murphy Mason, a UU community minister and former Vice-President of the UUCF. The chapter meets the third Thursday of every month at Community for fellowship and discussion, religious education, and spiritual deepening. All UUs in the District are invited to participate.

### **Resistance Cinema**

**Sunday, March 1, 1:15 pm, Gallery**

Film title to be announced soon.

### **Green Sanctuary Book Group – Mondays, February 2, March 2, 16 and 30 and Tuesday, April 14, 6-8 pm, Gallery**

The Green Sanctuary Committee continues their 2015 Book Group Discussion Series. The Book Group will meet for 5 more sessions, and will be facilitated by Green Sanctuary's Vice Chair, Reena Kondo, and Lois Sturm. Book Title: "THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING," by renowned author Naomi Klein.

### **Rev. Mark Morrison Reed at Community – Sundays, February 1 and 8, 1 pm, Assembly Hall**

In February, we shall welcome the Rev. Dr. Mark Morrison-Reed for two Sundays. His most recent volume, *The Selma Awakening: How the Civil Rights Movement Tested and Changed Unitarian Universalism*, is incisive, heart-breaking and healing.

### **Studying Humanism– Mondays, February 23, March 23, 6:30 pm, Conference Room**

A monthly study group facilitated by John Rafferty of the Secular Humanist Society of New York.

### **Social Tea –Tuesdays, February 24 and March 31, 2 -3:30 pm, Assembly Hall**

Join us for a guest speaker, conversation and light refreshments.

### **Community Women**

### **UU Women's Association Luncheon/Lecture – February 7, 2015, 10 am-4 pm, Gallery**

"*Elizabeth Cady Stanton and her Women's Bible*" Speaker: Laurie James – in commemoration of Elizabeth Stanton's Bicentennial. Everyone is invited to attend. \$12 to \$20 lunch sliding scale. Contact Reena Kondo to register reenakondo1@gmail.com.

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## OPPORTUNITIES 2015 continued

### **Women's Sunday**

**March 8, 11 am, Hall of Worship**

Daniela Gioseffi will be our guest speaker for Women's Sunday. She will speak on the immediacy of the climate crisis and share poems from Eco-Poetry.com.

### **United Nations and Global Affairs – Forum and Luncheon Sunday, February 22, 1 pm, Assembly Hall**

Our guest speakers will offer a briefing on the UN's response to Palestine and Latin America. Attendees are invited to participate in the Q & A. Lunch available (\$7)

**Sunday, March 8, 1 pm, Assembly Hall**

Global Women in Business – Guest Panelists will speak on "Making a Difference For Families and Communities".

Lunch available (\$7)

### **Jewish Opera Lecture/Seminar Series**

**Wednesdays, February 25 and March 18, 2 pm, Assembly Hall**

The Maldeb Foundation and The Prof. Edgar H. Lehrman Memorial Foundation are presenting this monthly series. The lecture will be given by Leonard Lehrman, DMA.

February: Dybbuks: Jerrold Morgulas, Joel Mandelbaum, Ludovico Rocca, Leonard Bernstein, Shulamit Ran

March: Biblical Women: Elizabeth Hoffman, Elizabeth Swados et al  
See page 7 for more information.

### **Gallery35 Art Show ~**

**Color & Light**

**Opening Reception Saturday,  
February 21, 6-8 pm**

**Closing Reception Saturday,  
March 21, 6-8 pm, Gallery**

A group show – The artists hope to brighten everyone's spirits as we look forward to the coming of spring!



### **Governance/Committee Meetings:**

**Board of Trustees Meetings** – 4th Wednesdays, 6 pm, Gallery

**Church Council Meetings** – Quarterly, (next Meeting April 8, 6 pm)  
Potluck, 6:30-7:30 pm Meeting, Gallery

**Finance Committee** – 3rd Wednesdays, 6 pm, Gallery

**Buildings and Grounds Committee** – 1st Mondays, 6 pm,  
Conference Room

**UN and Global Affairs Committee** – 1st Sundays, 9:45-10:45 am,  
Conference Room (Next Meeting March 1)

### **Congregational Annual Meeting**

**Sunday, March 29, 12:45 pm, Assembly Hall**

All Voting Members are encouraged to vote in the election for the congregation's open leadership positions. Any questions about voting eligibility see Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator, before the meeting. Lunch will be available.

### **Additional Opportunities:**

#### **Esperanto Society**

**Third Fridays, February 20 and March 20, 7 pm**

**Third Fl. Classroom**



**Most Saturday Evenings, 8 pm,  
Assembly Hall**

February 7: Rod MacDonald

February 14: Women's Voices for Love & Freedom: Alice Farrell;  
Robbie Wedeen; MaryNell Morgan

February 21: Rep. Major Owens Memorial, produced by Chris Owens,  
with the Owens Brothers and others

February 28: MacDougal Street Rent Party Reunion

March 7: International Women's Day Celebration: SONiA of  
Disappear Fear

March 14: emma's revolution

March 21: Brooklyn Community Storytellers; Adele Rolider

March 28: Brooklyn Women's Chorus

**Henry George School** is offering classes at Community on various evenings. Community Church Members and Friends are welcome – no fee. For more information contact (212) 889-8020 or email [info@hgsss.org](mailto:info@hgsss.org).

## Events Calendar for February 2015

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### SAVE THE DATE

**CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING ~ MARCH 29**  
*at 12:45 pm IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL*

Rev. Bruce Southworth, Senior Minister  
 Esther Rosado, Director of Lifespan Religious Education  
 Gerald A. Brown, Director of Music  
 Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator  
 Rev. Dr. Orlanda Brugnola, Affiliate Minister



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## Join us for our annual springtime events!

- Tenebrae ~ Friday, April 3
- Community Seder ~ Saturday, April 4
- Easter with our *Balloon Benediction* and New Member Welcome ~ April 5

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### BIRTHDAYS

#### April 2015

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| 4  | Shoulun Chang    |
| 5  | Louise Brown     |
| 7  | Valerie Lynch    |
| 11 | Helene Summa     |
| 12 | George Martin    |
| 13 | Deborah Gambs    |
| 15 | Gladys McNatt    |
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| 16 | Agnes Babich     |
| 18 | Nancy Hough      |
| 22 | Brianna Goldberg |
| 26 | Brenda Shrobe    |
| 28 | Mary Springston  |
|    | Patti Paris      |

### Birthday Concert

Our Director of Music, **Jerry Brown**, will be celebrating his upcoming significant birthday on Sunday, May 10 in the Hall of Worship by giving a concert. He will be playing piano and organ music by some of his favorites composers, including Bach and Chopin. The program will begin promptly at 1:24 pm.

### BIRTHDAYS

#### May 2015

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| 1  | Don Powell          |
|    | Mae Tabbanor        |
| 2  | Mary Orovan         |
| 4  | Rosemary McNatt     |
| 7  | Paul Hampton        |
|    | Lindsay Manocherian |
| 11 | Elinor White        |
|    | David Allen Asencio |
| 15 | Gregory A. Jones    |
|    | Ron Giancola        |
| 16 | Virginia Brody      |
| 18 | Nicole Lord         |
| 19 | Marilyn Travis      |
|    | Gerald Foreman      |
| 20 | Renata Rainer       |
| 25 | Diana Stewart       |
| 31 | George Garland      |

### IN MEMORIAM

**Cory Gibbs**, the 26-year-old son of our **Sexton Anthony Taylor**, died at home on February 10. While he had been having various tests in recent months, his sudden death comes as a heart-rending shock. Anthony has been at Community Church for over 25 years. We continue to extend our love and sympathy to him and his family at this difficult time.

A memorial service will be held on March 21, at 4 pm, at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Queens, in Flushing, for **Rev. Robert M. Hemstreet** who passed away on February 11 at 86 years of age. Rev. Hemstreet was a member of Community when he decided to enter ministry (and rejoined in retirement), as well as author of the Cornbread Communion which we adapted for Community's Thanksgiving Sunday service. We will keep his wife Wendy Moscow, and his stepsister, Gail Fiorelli in our thoughts.

### Members Out and About

**Theresa Bowman** is so pleased to announce becoming a grandmother with the birth on 1/26/15 of Aiden Brandon Bowman-Haye. Aiden was delivered at Stony Brook University hospital in Suffolk County, New York where his parents Drs. Kimberly Bowman and Kester Haye are completing residencies. The new parents were married in 2013 by UU minister Rev. Jacqueline Duhart (Oakland, CA). The entire family, including both sets of grandparents are thrilled and baby Aiden is thriving.

#### **Robert Bobrick** Writes From China

We're still in China. I've been learning to sing Chinese songs. Here is a free translation of one:

*The wild geese in duets climb the sky.  
Behold their formation as they fly.  
How far runs the river through the sere autumn plain!  
The chords on the plateau make the hurt their refrain!*

We are three hours or less from Hong Kong, Macau, and Guangzhou for those travelers who might want to think of visiting sometime.

## Sacred Ground

By Rev. Dr. Hope Johnson

Each time I walk across the Edmund Pettus Bridge I know that I am on “sacred ground.” The Voting Rights March was actually three marches that have become one march in three parts. But after the final successful crossing of that bridge, the weary marchers needed refuge. No one in Montgomery would open their doors to welcome them except for the City of St. Jude, a Catholic organization “dedicated to the spiritual, health, social and educational needs of all people.” They invited the 3,000 weary marchers in because it was the right thing to do. I cannot imagine how much they risked for this act of courage but I know now that the City of St. Jude had become CAMPSITE 4 of the Selma-to-Montgomery March.

Fast forward to March 8, Bloody Sunday 2015. There I was in the Cafeteria at the City of St. Jude in Montgomery, AL with several hundred Unitarian Universalist and friends. We were welcomed by Douglas Watson, current Director. When asked what caused the City of St. Jude to take such a huge risk he replied, “it’s kind of hard to turn away 3,000 people who needed a place to stay.”

We gathered ourselves there as we prepared to cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge. We had lunch together. We worshipped together.



Heard the story of the Movement through word and song. Near the end of our time there, we stood up, and sang the anthem “We Shall Overcome” stretching our hands and hearts from one to another....

And as I sang, my eyes brimmed with tears, pride, and love as I sang in the midst of hundreds of persons who had come together to witness, to connect, to re-connect.... That sacred moment on sacred ground at CAMPSITE 4 will live in my heart and strengthen me, as I move forward in today’s struggle for civil rights. Black lives matter.

## Remembering Edmund Pettus Bridge

By Esther Rosado

Standing on the Edmund Pettus Bridge commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of “Bloody Sunday”, I breathed in the history of this sacred ground I was standing on. On this early spring Sunday afternoon, many memories, books, lectures, movies and conversations came rushing in on me as I walked to the bridge.

I thought of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. two days later on Turn Around Tuesday, and the weightiness of deciding whether to cross the bridge a second time without assurance of federal protections. Looking over the Alabama River that day, I thought, “Exactly which American value is it that inspires law enforcement to shoot tear-gas and beat the nonviolent protestors with billy clubs?” I thought of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel’s recounting of the march: “For many of us the march from Selma to Montgomery was about protest and prayer. Legs are not lips and walking is not kneeling. And yet our legs uttered songs. Even without words, our march was worship. I felt my legs were praying.”

A flood of thoughts and images, past and present, kept rolling in and I held on to the words of Maya Angelou’s poem, *On the Pulse of Morning*:

Here on the pulse of this new day  
You may have the grace to look up and out  
And into your sister’s eyes, into  
Your brother’s face, your country  
And say simply  
Very simply  
With hope  
Good morning.

I realize there are still more bridges to cross, but we must do this for our children and our children’s children. Rev. William Barber II reminded us that voters in 30 states will have to show an ID document when they vote in-person at the polls. He challenged UUs to recommit ourselves to the struggle and “restore our imagination to conjure up a new hope” that counters our cynicism.

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### Bloody Sunday ~ Selma 2015

By Dr. Janice Marie Johnson



Dr. Janice Marie Johnson, Rev. Bruce Southworth and Esther Rosado

I felt blessed throughout the Marching in the Arc of Justice conference. I appreciated meeting and honoring the families of three martyrs: Rev. James Reeb, Viola Liuzzo, and Jimmie Lee Jackson. Each was killed while answering the call to justice.

I was reminded of the ease with which people abuse power. Yet I was also reminded of a different option, June Jordan's familiar words that I learned here at Community:

In addition to the traditional concept of true commitment that means you are willing to die for what you think is right, make equal space for the womanly concept of commitment that means you are willing to live for what you believe.

The conference afforded me an opportunity to live for what I believe. I encourage you to visit [uulivinglegacy.org](http://uulivinglegacy.org) and take a look at the Mass Meeting at the historic Tabernacle Baptist Church; visiting the City of St. Jude: keynotes Rev. Dr. Mark Morrison Reed who recently delivered two powerful worship services here; Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, architect of the Moral Monday Movement in North Carolina; Opal Tometi, young adult co-founder of the Black Lives Matter movement; and Rev. Dr. C.T. Vivian, veteran of the movement and close friend of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and much more.

A personal highlight was marching over the Edmund Pettus Bridge last Sunday afternoon. I was blessed to share this bridge-crossing with my family, now of three generations; my minister, *what an honor*; my Community family, including Bruce, Kay, and Esther; over 30 colleagues that work at the UUA; colleagues from the UUA, and UUMA; hundreds of UU colleagues and friends; and with thousands of people who were called to celebrate and commemorate this momentous occasion. Although I had walked across the bridge sidewalk with a busload of pilgrims alongside two-way traffic, *I had never marched across the bridge before*. I shall ever treasure this act of solidarity linking memory and hope with a call to action. *Blessings abound.*

**The Rev. Richard Leonard** (now Minister Emeritus at All Souls in New York) was once Community Church's Minister of Education. In March of 1965, he was asked by Rev. Harrington to go to Selma on Community's behalf. This is a picture of Rev. Leonard in Selma. That journey changed his life. Find his book *Call to Selma: Eighteen Days of Witness* (Skinner House) at our bookstall.



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### *So Great a Cloud of Witnesses*

*By Rev. Bruce Southworth, Senior Minister*

**O**n Sunday, March 8, ten of our church family joined tens of thousands marching across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, as part of the commemorations of Bloody Sunday on March 7, 1965.

For me, this 50th anniversary of the Selma Voting Rights Campaign was chilling (recalling the horrific violence leading up to, during, and after Bloody Sunday), humbling, and inspiring – both surreal and transcendent.

And it was joyous to be part of the radiant, diverse cloud of witnesses from all across the country!

The Living Legacy “Marching in the Arc of Justice: Re-Visiting Selma” Conference held in Birmingham drew 400+ UU participants. Personal highlights were the keynotes by

- Rev. Dr. Mark Morrison-Reed (and his Anti-Racism workshop),
- Rev. Dr. William Barber II, member of the North Carolina NAACP Board and architect of the Forward Together Moral Monday Movement in North Carolina, and
- Opal Tometi, co-founder of #BlackLivesMatter.

Restoration of voting rights, which are being suppressed in our nation, was lifted up as one of the key justice efforts for our times.

Music by Kim and Reggie Harris and Brother Sun (check them out on YouTube!) blessed our long days together.

For video, visit [uulivinglegacy.org](http://uulivinglegacy.org). In the spirit of the *a cappella* group Sweet Honey in the Rock: “*We who believe in freedom cannot rest until it comes.*” The struggle continues.



Pre-March Rally, Selma, Alabama, Sunday, March 8



Rev. Dr. Mark Morrison-Reed (and his Anti-Racism workshop) at Community Church, Sunday, February 1st

### The Man in the Man-Made Moon

By Joel Mandelbaum

**O**n Sunday, May 3 at 2 pm I will, with over 30 musicians from Queens College, be presenting my comic opera first (and last) performed in 1956, *The Man in the Man-Made Moon*.

There was no man-made moon in 1956 (Sputnik came in 1957) so all of us could be quite free and flippant in our anticipation of what might happen. As I saw it, the greatest problem would be the reaction of the Man in the Moon—and so the opera speculated (erroneously, of course) on what might happen. This 45-minute opera is what you might call a send-up: a send-up of far more than an artificial satellite.

Seeing it today will bring back the aura of the 50's, and the concerns of that distant time so long forgotten—such as the opposition between scientists and right-wing politicians—

and the tendency of conflicts to escalate. Inside jokes abound, but there are also enough outside jokes to satisfy everyone.

It has been particularly gratifying to see the enthusiasm with which the cast members, mostly Queens graduate students, have taken to this work. I suppose it doesn't hurt that I was just about their present age when I wrote it. Come and join us, and have your more mature adult understanding stripped away—at least for the better part of an hour.

The opera will be preceded by a few short pieces that I have worked on with outstanding students. A flute sonata dating from 1950, and a short horn piece with microtones that I will have finished sometime this month; also one song from a new song cycle in which the singer and pianist are joined by a bassoon.



### A Voice From Mexico

From Sandy Brooks

**S**andy Brooks was the speaker at the UU Fellowship in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico on March 15. March was Women's History Month and her topic was "Women Behind Bars." Focus first was on what women are in jail in the USA and for what transgressions. Largest percentage was once African American women but now the main ethnic group is Hispanic. Sandy met a women 10 years ago in Mexico who went into a prison in Illinois and had 50 sessions with the women teaching literacy and writing. Aware of the deep feelings the women had, Lynette Seator encouraged them to write those feelings in poetic form. What resulted was a book titled "Behind Bars" that included over

30 sensitive and powerful poetic verses on alienation, lost love, isolation and even abuse. Four women from the Fellowship shared some of those poems for the service. One of the hymns Sandy has chose was "We Are Climbing Sarah's Ladder." Also we sang "Spirit of Life" in both English and Spanish. "Our attendance mounts in the winter months with visitors from Toronto, Chicago, Boston, New York and other cold climes. Their religious backgrounds, which they share at 'Introductions', range from Buddhism, Unity, Judaism, Catholicism and many agnostics. Just as in Community Church, there are many who are seeking out a liberal religion in a very troubled world. Often there is good sharing talk over baked goodies and coffee following the service."

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## From Your Membership Coordinator

**H**i Friends,

By the time you read this, I'll be back in New York City for the annual meeting and for our Easter celebration, It is always great to see everyone.

Many ask me what is happening in Arizona these days. Fortunately, there are many good thoughtful people there. We have had several Black Lives Matter support gatherings. Justice issues especially related to race, economics, education, voting and immigration rights are in our focus. In February, over 135 UUs from all over Arizona participated in the annual "UU Day at the Legislature" organized by UUJAZ – UU Justice Arizona. We gathered and had meetings with our state senators and representatives and later filled the visitor section during the afternoon session. A UU minister gave the invocation at the session. It was good to meet face to face and be able to let them know how we feel about current issues.

My Arizona congregation, West Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, is small but mighty. We have about 60 members. Eleven attended the above UUJAZ event. Several of us are also involved with Phoenix Restoration Project, an organization that works in various aspects of immigration issues. Some volunteers go down to the Phoenix Greyhound Station on weekday evenings to assist people

who have been released from the detention centers. They are dropped off by Homeland Security usually late at night, most often without resources for their journey so we offer water, food, shoe laces and a warm jacket for those headed to cold climates. Imagine having to go to Boston in early February with just a sweatshirt! Some host released older minors who are aging out of the children's detention center and their documents are still "on the way". Others are penpals to detainees. (I'm the coordinator of that project this year – let me know if you would like to be a penpal.) Much work to do in this area.

Professionally, I completed my board term on UUAMP, Unitarian Universalist Association of Membership Professionals, last year but I will continue to be a part of the organization. I am meeting quarterly with other membership professionals in the metropolitan NYC area and together we are sharing ideas and work together to get the word out about events at our respective congregations. An ACS (our database system) User Group has formed in the Phoenix area so I'm able to network with other congregations (including another UU congregation) that use ACS, and we can receive extra training/resources at no cost. Always a good thing!

I hope to see you this visit. I wish you all a well-deserved beautiful warm spring.

Yours In Community,  
Valerie



## Visiting and Writing to Homebound Members and Friends of Community

We are now seeking volunteers who would like to visit and/or write notes to our homebound Members and Friends. Please contact Odella Washington, chair of our Caring Network at 718-379-1934 or Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator, at [vlynch@ccny.org](mailto:vlynch@ccny.org) for more information.

# Community Passover Seder



**Come Enjoy the  
Community Passover  
Seder on Saturday,  
April 4, 2015**

*By Rachel Stone*

**T**he joyously awaited **Community Passover Seder**, hosted annually by Community Church of New York Unitarian Universalist, will be held this year on Saturday, April 4, 2015. People from all backgrounds, faiths and ethnicities are welcome to be part of this historical Jewish celebration of freedom. The event is held in the downstairs Assembly Hall. Doors open at 4:30 pm, and the Seder service starts at 5 pm.

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$12 for children 12 and under, and \$60 for families (two adults with children 12 and under). A full multi-course dinner is served with Passover ritual foods including Rachel Stone's legendary fruit/nut *Charoset*, gefilte fish, matzo ball soup, salad, roast chicken, potatoes, vegetables, and dessert (fresh fruit and Passover baked goods), red wine, grape juice, and of course, matzo.

Children are especially encouraged to come and participate in this family-oriented event which has special parts for kids,

including a treasure hunt for the mysteriously hidden matzo called the "*Afikomen*." There will be plenty of singing and even some hora dancing to make it a memorable event for everyone to enjoy!

Leonore Tiefer, as Seder Leader, breathes new life and wonderful humor into the historic story of freedom whose message resounds with all cultures. The text of the *Haggadah* (which means "The Telling") was co-written by Leonore, and is designed especially for our multi-cultural Unitarian Universalist values.

Be a Passover Partner and help make this event a success! You can help spread the word, sell some tickets (very important!), and/or help on the day of the Seder to set up the room, assist with cooking, serving, and cleanup. Please contact Bill Rothfarb or Rachel Stone at 718-472-0102. Tickets will also be available on Sundays after services during Fellowship Hour, at Peoples' Voice on Saturday nights, and will be sold online on the Seder page of the Community Church website at: [www.ccny.org/Seder2015](http://www.ccny.org/Seder2015) Due to limited seating space, only 100 tickets are available.

Please note that most of the food will NOT be strictly Kosher. If you have special dietary needs such as vegetarian or vegan, please contact Rachel Stone or Bill Rothfarb 718-472-0102 to discuss possible accommodations.



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## OPPORTUNITIES 2015

### **Hatha Yoga with Nafisa Degani – Tuesdays, 6-7:30 pm and Saturdays, 12:30-2 pm, Rear Lounge**

Hatha Yoga is a branch of yoga which concentrates on physical health and mental well-being. Hatha yoga uses bodily postures (asanas), breathing techniques (pranayama), and meditation (dyana) with the goal of bringing about a sound, healthy body and a clear, peaceful mind. There are nearly 200 hatha yoga postures, with hundreds of variations, which work to make the spine supple and to promote circulation in all the organs, glands, and tissues. Hatha yoga postures also stretch and align the body, promoting balance and flexibility with very slow controlled movements. Please bring a yoga mat to the class.

### **AARP Tax Assistance – Thursdays, through April 9, 10 am-2 pm, Assembly Hall – No Fees.**

### **First Saturdays Feeding of the Hungry in the Bowery Saturday, April 4 and May 2, 10:45 am, Offsite**

We invite you to help the Sai Baba Group feed the hungry on the First Saturday of each month. We meet on Forsyth, just south of Houston at 10:45 am. Please bring vegetarian food to share with the over 100 people who come. This is an outdoor event so dress for the weather. For more information contact Valerie Lynch at vlynch@ccny.org or 212-683-4988, ext. 19

### **Secular Humanist Society of New York Book Club Thursdays, April 2 and May 7, 7-8:30 pm, Conference Room**

Some of us will have dinner together afterwards at a nearby (inexpensive) restaurant. Please join us. Join us even if you haven't finished reading. The book club is open to all ... and free!

April Title: *IMAGINE THERE'S NO HEAVEN: How Atheism Helped Create the Modern World* by Mitchell Stephens

May Title: *ROGER WILLIAMS AND THE CREATION OF THE AMERICAN SOUL: Church, State and the Birth of Liberty* by John M. Barry

### **Anti-Racism Team**

### **Fridays, April 3 and May 1, 6:30 pm, Gallery and Sunday, May 24, 1 pm, Assembly Hall**

The team offers films and discussions on the first Fridays of the month and occasional Sundays.

### **Pathways – Let's Get Acquainted Dates to be announced**

We invite you to a warm, small group conversation with Rev. Bruce Southworth, our Senior Minister. He will offer an introduction to Unitarian Universalism and history of Community Church. He will also share his own faith journey. Bring your questions! Visitors and New Members are welcome.

### **UU Christian Fellowship**

### **Third Thursdays, April 16 and May 21, 7:30-9 pm, Conference Room**

Theme for the year is Desert Spirituality. All are welcome.

MNY-UUCF, a local chapter of the national UU Christian Fellowship (UUCF), is led by the Rev. Dr. Kelly Murphy Mason, a UU community minister and former Vice-President of the UUCF. The chapter meets the third Thursday of every month at Community for fellowship and discussion, religious education, and spiritual deepening. All UUs in the District are invited to participate.

### **Resistance Cinema**

### **Sundays, April 5 and 26, May 10, 1:15 pm, Gallery**

Film titles to be announced soon.

### **Jewish Opera Lecture/Seminar Series**

### **Wednesdays, April 22 and May 13, 2 pm, Assembly Hall**

The Maldeb Foundation and The Prof. Edgar H. Lehrman Memorial Foundation are presenting this monthly series. The lecture will be given by Leonard Lehrman, DMA

### **April 22 – *The Holocaust* – David Amram, Daniel Burwasser, Joel Mandelbaum et al**

### **May 13 – *Emma Goldman* (75th anniversary of her death 5/14/40) Howard Zinn, Elaine Fine, Leonard Lehrman**

### **Green Sanctuary Book Group**

### **Tuesday, April 14, 6-8 pm, Gallery**

The Green Sanctuary Committee concludes their 2015 Book Group Discussion Series. The Book Group is facilitated by Green Sanctuary's Vice Chair, Reena Kondo, and Lois Sturm. Book Title: *THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING*, by renowned author Naomi Klein.

### **Studying Humanism**

### **Mondays, April 27 and May 25, TBA 6:30 pm Conference Room**

A monthly study group facilitated by John Rafferty of the Secular Humanist Society of New York.

### **Social Tea**

### **Tuesdays, April 28 and May 26, 2-3:30 pm, Assembly Hall**

Join us for a guest speaker, conversation and light refreshments.

### **The Man in the Man-Made Moon Concert with Joel Mandelbaum, Sunday, May 3, Hall of Worship**

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## OPPORTUNITIES 2015 continued

### Community Women

**Sunday, April 19, 1:15 pm, Assembly Hall**

*"Winter Wheat"* – A play by Laurie James—The Story of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Her Women's

**Sunday, May 24, 1:15 pm, Assembly Hall**

Program to be announced soon.

### United Nations and Global Affairs Committee Forum

**Sunday, April 26, 1 pm, Assembly Hall**

A program will be offered co-sponsored by Resistance Cinema. More information soon.

### Tenebrae Service – Friday, April 3, at 7:30 pm, Hall of Worship

This service, which commemorates the events of Good Friday, has been adapted to capture the spirit of Jesus' personal loyalty to truth and self-sacrifice for the well-being of others.

### Passover Seder – Saturday, April 4, 5-7:30 pm, Assembly Hall

Join us for this wonderful annual celebration for all ages – Adults \$25, children 12 & under \$12, families 2 adults + children 12 & under \$60. Purchase tickets by Sunday, March 29. Contact Rachel 718-472-0102 or email [rsongbird@gmail.com](mailto:rsongbird@gmail.com). More Information/On-Line Ticket Purchase – ([www.ccny.org/seder2015](http://www.ccny.org/seder2015))

### Spring Art Shows Gallery35 – Details Soon

**Opening Reception – Saturday, April 11, 6-8 pm, Gallery**

**Closing Reception – Saturday, April 25, 6-8 pm, Gallery**

**Opening Reception – Saturday, May 9, 6-8 pm, Gallery**

**Closing Reception – Saturday, June 20, 6-8 pm, Gallery**

**Concert with Jerry Brown – Sunday, May 10, 1:24-3:30 pm, Hall of Worship/Assembly Hall**

### Governance/Committee Meetings:

**Board of Trustees Meetings** – 4th Wednesdays, 6 pm, Gallery

**Church Council Meetings** – Meets Quarterly (Next meeting May 13) 6 pm Potluck, 6:30-7:30 pm Meeting, Gallery

**Finance Committee** – 3rd Wednesdays, 6 pm, Gallery

**Buildings and Grounds Committee** – 1st Mondays, 6, 6 pm

**UN and Global Affairs Committee** – 1st Sundays, 9:45-10:45 am, Conference Room

### Congregational Budget Hearing

Sunday, May 17, 1 pm, Assembly Hall

### Quarterly Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 7, 1 pm, Assembly Hall

All Voting Members are encouraged to attend congregational meetings. Any questions about voting eligibility see Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator, before the meeting. Lunch will be available.

### Additional Opportunities:

#### Esperanto Society

Third Fridays, February 20 and March 20, 7 pm, Third Fl. Classroom



#### Peoples Voice Café – Most Saturday Evenings, 8 pm, Assembly Hall

Apr 11: Raging Grannies; Patricia Shih

Apr 18: *Ray Korona ¡Presente!* produced by Ivce, with the Ray Korona Band and others

Apr 25: Sally Campbell; Pat Lamanna

May 2: Anne Hills, Harmonic Insurgence

May 9: 2nd Annual Pete Seeger Sing Along (PVC benefit)

May 16: *The Cost of Freedom: Kent & Jackson State 1970-2015.*

A Commemorative Concert with emma's revolution and Magpie, with readings by Vince Brown. Produced by Susie Erenrich. A project of the Cultural Center for Social Change and PVC.

**Henry George School** is offering classes at Community on various evenings. Community Church Members and Friends are welcome – no fee. For more information contact (212) 889-8020 or email [info@hgsss.org](mailto:info@hgsss.org).

## Events Calendar for April 2015

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| <b>THURSDAY, APRIL 2</b><br>7:00 Secular Humanist Book Club<br><br><b>FRIDAY, APRIL 3</b><br><b>Good Friday</b><br>6:30 Anti Racism Team<br>7:30 Tenebrae Service<br><br><b>SATURDAY, APRIL 4</b><br>10:45 First Saturday Feeding<br>12:30 Hatha Yoga with Nifisa Degani<br>5:00 Passover Dinner<br>8:00 Peoples' Voice Café<br><br><b>SUNDAY, APRIL 5</b><br><b>Easter</b><br>9:30 Choir Rehearsal<br>9:45 UNGA Meeting<br>11:00 Morning Worship<br>11:00 Sunday School<br>12:15 Fellowship Hour<br>1:15 Resistance Cinema<br><br><b>MONDAY, APRIL 6</b><br>6:00 Buildings & Grounds | <b>TUESDAY, APRIL 7</b><br>6:00 Hatha Yoga with Nifisa Degani<br>7:00 Streetsingers<br><br><b>THURSDAY, APRIL 9</b><br>7:00 Secular Humanist Book Club<br><br><b>FRIDAY, APRIL 10</b><br>6:30 Antiracism Team<br><br><b>SATURDAY, APRIL 11</b><br>12:30 Hatha Yoga with Nifisa Degani<br>6:00 Gallery35 Reception<br>8:00 Peoples' Voice Café<br><br><b>SUNDAY, APRIL 12</b><br>9:30 Choir Rehearsal<br>11:00 Morning Worship<br>11:00 Sunday School<br>12:15 Fellowship Hour<br>12:45 Volunteer Choir Rehearsal | <b>TUESDAY, APRIL 14</b><br>6:00 Hatha Yoga with Nifisa Degani<br>6:00 Green Sanctuary Book Group<br>7:00 Streetsingers<br><br><b>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15</b><br>6:00 Finance Committee<br><br><b>THURSDAY, APRIL 16</b><br>7:00 Secular Humanist NY Book Club<br><br><b>SATURDAY, APRIL 18</b><br>12:30 Hatha Yoga with Nifisa Degani<br>8:00 Peoples' Voice Café<br><br><b>SUNDAY, APRIL 19</b><br>9:30 Choir Rehearsal<br>11:00 Morning Worship<br>11:00 Sunday School<br>12:15 Fellowship Hour<br>12:45 Volunteer Choir Rehearsal<br>1:15 Community Women<br><br><b>MONDAY, APRIL 20</b><br>7:00 Streetsingers | <b>TUESDAY, APRIL 21</b><br>6:00 Hatha Yoga with Nifisa Degani<br>7:00 Streetsingers<br><br><b>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22</b><br>2:00 Jewish Opera Series<br>6:00 Board of Trustees<br><br><b>THURSDAY, APRIL 23</b><br>7:30 UU Christian Fellowship<br><br><b>FRIDAY, APRIL 24</b><br>7:00 Esperanto Society<br><br><b>SATURDAY, APRIL 25</b><br>12:30 Hatha Yoga with Nifisa Degani<br>6:00 Gallery35 Reception<br>8:00 People's Voice Café<br><br><b>SUNDAY, APRIL 26</b><br>9:30 Choir Rehearsal<br>11:00 Morning Worship<br>11:00 Sunday School<br>12:15 Fellowship Hour<br>1:00 UN & GA Forum | <b>MONDAY, APRIL 27</b><br>6:30 Studying Humanism<br><br><b>TUESDAY, APRIL 28</b><br>2:00 Social Tea<br>6:00 Hatha Yoga with Nifisa Degani<br>7:00 Streetsingers<br><br><b>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29</b><br>2:00 Jewish Opera Lecture/Seminar Series |
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### Credits & Guidelines

Members are encouraged to submit articles to *Community Connections*. The submission deadline is typically the first Wednesday of the month prior to issue date. Submissions can be emailed to [info@ccny.org](mailto:info@ccny.org) or hand delivered to the Church. Articles submitted are subject to proofing and editing for clarity, brevity, grammar, punctuation, spelling and content.

### More photos from Selma ~ 2015



1. WHAT BRINGS YOU TO SELMA?
2. WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO LEARN?
3. WHAT ARE SOME CONNECTIONS YOU SEE BETWEEN PAST + PRESENT MOVEMENTS?
4. WHAT ARE YOUR HOPES/VISIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF "MOVEMENT"?

# Events Calendar for May 2015

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## SAVE THE DATE

**CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET HEARING ~ MAY 17**  
*at 12:45 pm IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL*

Rev. Bruce Southworth, Senior Minister

Esther Rosado, Director of Lifespan Religious Education

Gerald A. Brown, Director of Music

Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator

Rev. Dr. Orlando Brugnola, Affiliate Minister



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## BIRTHDAYS June 2015

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| 1  | Julie Abbruscato      |
| 3  | Katie Karlovitz       |
| 7  | Stephen Adeyinka      |
| 7  | Otis Samuel Kerns     |
| 8  | Kevin Maxwell         |
| 12 | Virginia Asman        |
| 12 | Austin Publicover     |
| 16 | Ellen Mandelbaum      |
| 17 | George Marshall       |
| 18 | Emilio DeTorre        |
| 19 | Anita Monick          |
| 20 | Barb Conkin           |
| 21 | Derek Peruo           |
| 24 | William Campbell, Jr. |
| 26 | Maria Velez-Lopez     |
| 30 | Robert Reiss          |
| 30 | Shelley Crandall      |

## BIRTHDAYS July 2015

|    |                      |
|----|----------------------|
| 2  | Philip Patinka       |
| 3  | Fred DeLisi          |
| 7  | Dawn Stewart-Lookkin |
| 8  | Jody Leight          |
| 10 | Nina Bernstein       |
| 10 | Bryanna Patinka      |
| 14 | Priscilla Stadler    |
| 14 | Lehna Huie           |
| 17 | Eberly Barnes        |
| 19 | Jonathan Hampton     |
| 19 | Kayla Southworth     |
| 27 | Rachel Stone         |
| 28 | Lisa Gluck           |
| 29 | Michael Southworth   |
| 30 | Jason Nunan          |
| 31 | Peter Robinson, Jr.  |

## BIRTHDAYS August 2015

|    |                       |
|----|-----------------------|
| 1  | Karen Ethelsdattar    |
| 1  | Charles Hymowitz      |
| 3  | Sarah Ann Manocherian |
| 9  | Maureen Holder        |
| 12 | Evelen Hough          |
| 13 | Phyllis Andrews       |
| 14 | Kimberly Ball         |
| 14 | Rev. Cheryl Walker    |
| 15 | Courtne Julien        |
| 15 | John Silver           |
| 15 | Maddi Gutfreind       |
| 15 | Heather Burgher       |
| 19 | Allen McNatt          |
| 19 | Winifred Zubin        |
| 19 | Bill Rothfarb         |
| 21 | Margery Johnston      |
| 22 | Terelle Julien        |
| 24 | Reena Kondo           |
| 24 | Patricia Kolb         |
| 26 | Renee Otto            |
| 28 | David Strachan        |
| 30 | M. Bridget Brosnan    |

## Members Out and About

**Kathy Polkabla** is now a licensed ham radio operator and recently helped out at the TD Five Boro Bike Tour. It was a great event with, fortunately, no emergencies or injuries to deal with.

## Ellen Mandlebaum Visits Our Sunday School



We were delighted to have Ellen visit RE/FM to talk to the children about the art of stained glass. The children then worked on a project using colored cellophane paper to simulate the effect that color and light has on stained glass.



*The Man In the Man Made Moon Operetta*



*Winter Wheat ~ Laurie James in her play about Elizabeth Cady Stanton and her "Women's Bible".*

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## Community Passover Seder 2015



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### United Nations Global Affairs Committee

*By George Garland, Chair*



This fall United Nations Global Affairs will see the culmination of the Millennium Development Goals and the launch of a new 15 year window of opportunity guided by the Sustainable Development Goals. The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change will meet in Paris in December where the US is expected to join a global effort to address climate change. Global poverty is still above a billion people and human rights are fleeing for millions of refugees. Sustainability now goes beyond environmental challenges which are well documented in the AAAS journal Science January 2015 article on Planetary Boundaries. Human rights, social justice, economic justice, and governance are all part of the Sustainable Development Goals which number 17 and have 169 targets. Join us as we apply seven principles to the Anthropocene! Everyone matters! Everything's connected!

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### Peace and Planet March



On Sunday, April 26 there were over 1500 Japanese people at the rally and march in Union Square (total of over 3000 people marched). Here is one picture of a UUA banner. Russell Branca and Linda Novenski attended.

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## Poetry by Members

### BRANCHES OF A LONDON PLANE TREE

Broken tree branches  
Garnered on a Broadway sidewalk  
Sleep in a blue glass vase  
On the sunny morning windowsill

After three weeks  
Still only small brown winter buds  
Four weeks later  
The branches think it's spring in mid-winter

Brown buds have burst  
Green shoots peek out  
Tiny leaves open — full of hope  
Looking for the sun  
Not knowing it's 15 degrees out

I'm back from a week in Arizona  
To find a mini-green forest  
Feathery branches of spring green leaves  
Grown from brown winter buds  
Now if they only had roots.

By David Goldberg



### May 3 and then 4

nothing stays the same  
least of all  
people

those you thought  
would never be sick  
are

each spring and how  
it comes not  
identical

nor is any day though  
it rises in the east  
and always sets

speaking of setting  
I thought you would  
live for forever

I knew you couldn't  
but it seemed if  
anyone....

Mary Orovan  
May 4, 2015



**General Assembly – Portland, Oregon – June 24-28**

**Virtual General Assembly: Participating from Off-site**

It is now possible to view the events at UUA General Assembly from your computer –  
visit <http://www.uua.org/ga/virtual> for the links.

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### Annual Birthday Party for Fofana Family

**A**s you know, in October 2013, our New Sanctuary family moved into their very own apartment in the Bronx after 5 grueling years shuttling between New York City homeless shelters. For several years, we had been having an annual Spring birthday party at Community Church for the family (Fatoumata, Muhamed and Abdou all have April birthdays), but this year we had our party at their place in the Bronx!!

It was a joyful occasion, since not only Fatoumata's family was there, but her cousin Binta came with her children, Little Abdou, Ali and Sali. We had all met these wonderful kids before and were happy to see them again. Ali had come with us to the circus several times. Binta made a delicious chicken lunch which we all enjoyed. Church members able to attend included Leonore Tiefer, George Garland, Christie Jeffers, and Esther Rosado. We also had 2 members from Judson Memorial who work with us on the New Sanctuary Committee, Jane Truehold and Marlyn Klee.

Here are some great photos from the party!!



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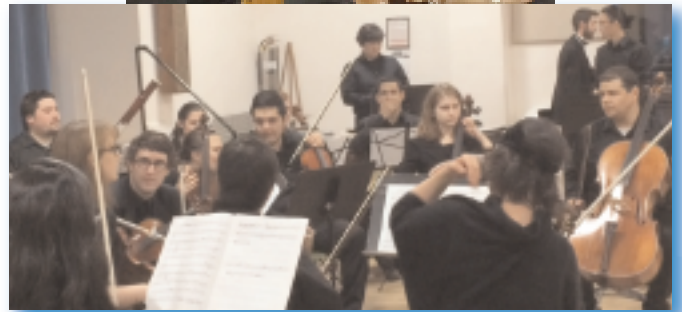
### The Man In The Man Made Moon Operetta

By Russell Branca

**O**n Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> the congregation was treated to a marvelous and unique concert by our very own Joel Mandelbaum. The music on the program began with a series of short pieces by Joel including a piece composed years ago for his wife Ellen Mandelbaum's birthday. But the main feature was his hilarious comic operetta *THE MAN IN THE MAN MADE MOON* which garnered a rousing standing ovation by the full house in the Assembly Hall. The music was skillfully performed by a chamber orchestra and a small choir with soloists conducted by Nisan Ak and composed primarily of students and associates from Queens College where Joel began teaching in 1961.

The operetta itself was composed between the years 1952 and 1955 but lay dormant for almost 60 years since its first public performance in 1956. In it the composer made evident his notable command of the 20th century musical vocabulary by adroitly integrating a wide range of musical styles from the classical repertoire and even including a lively jazz interlude toward the end. The young musicians and singers performed with an infectious enthusiasm with the singers displaying a fine flair for the dramatic in their

comic roles. Whether the audience could appreciate the craftsmanship was beside the point since all left the Hall fully satisfied with grins extending from ear to ear.



**Closing Reception**  
**Saturday, June 20, 6-8 pm**

**G**allery35 has filled the church gallery with five exhibits during 2014/2015—beginning with the **10th Anniversary Exhibit**. **Ellen Mandelbaum's** solo show was followed by a group show, *Color & Light*. Nine guest artists exhibited along with Gallery35 members in the **Artists' Invitational** show. Closing the season is the current exhibit, *Art Showcase 2015*, which will hang through June 20.

*Art Showcase 2015*—the annual exhibit in which member artists of Gallery35 display their best representative work—will be on display from May 3 through June 20.

Several techniques new to Gallery35 are included in this showcase: **Ellen Mandelbaum** has coined the term “aquaglass” to describe her clear painted textured glass, echoing a watercolor on the same subject—framed in layers 1” apart. Light bounces back in the 1” depth off the watercolor so the stained glass receives the light it needs.

**Bev Thompson's** sculptures are constructed of materials including spaghnum moss, chicken wire, metal, fabric and wood.

**Valerie Lynch** has painted her abstract landscapes with alcohol ink.

**Susan Harris-Demmet** is combining cut paper with ink.

Also exhibiting:

**Cari Clare** (mixed media), **Kevin H. Maxwell** (oil on wood), **Lois Ross** (acrylic), **Marsha Peru** (photography), **Patricia Garbarini** (digital fine art), **Pat Gericke** (oil on canvas), and **Virginia Asman** (digital fine art).

***Be sure to visit the gallery for this last show of 2014/2015!***

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## OPPORTUNITIES 2015

### **Religious Education/Family Ministries Celebration/Picnic Sunday, June 14, 12:15- 2 pm, Front Lounge and Backyard**

Everyone is invited to celebrate the conclusion of the Sunday School year and the beginning of summer.

### **Hatha Yoga with Nafisa Degani – Tuesdays, 6-7:30 pm and Saturdays, 12:30-2 pm, Rear Lounge**

Hatha Yoga is a branch of yoga which concentrates on physical health and mental well-being. Hatha yoga uses bodily postures (asanas), breathing techniques (pranayama), and meditation (dyana) with the goal of bringing about a sound, healthy body and a clear, peaceful mind. There are nearly 200 hatha yoga postures, with hundreds of variations, which work to make the spine supple and to promote circulation in all the organs, glands, and tissues. Hatha yoga postures also stretch and align the body, promoting balance and flexibility with very slow controlled movements. Please bring a yoga mat to the class.

### **Studying Humanism**

**Mondays, June 1 and 30, 6:30-8:30 pm, Conference Room**

#### **Note Schedule Change**

A monthly study group facilitated by John Rafferty of the Secular Humanist Society of New York.

### **Secular Humanist Society of New York Book Club**

**Thursdays, June 4, July 2 and August 6, 7-8:30 pm, Front Lounge**

Some of us will have dinner together afterwards at a nearby (inexpensive) restaurant. Please join us. Join us even if you haven't finished reading. The book club is open to all ... and free!

June Title: *ROGER WILLIAMS AND THE CREATION OF THE AMERICAN SOUL: Church, State and the Birth of Liberty* by John M. Barry

Jul/Aug Titles – TBA

### **Anti-Racism Team – Friday, June 5, 6:30 pm, Gallery**

The team offers films and discussions on the first Fridays of the month and occasional Sundays. (Break July and August)

### **First Saturday Feeding of the Hungry in the Bowery Saturdays, June 6, July 4, August 1, 10:45 am, Offsite**

We invite you to help the Sai Baba Group feed the hungry on the First Saturday of each month. We meet on Forsyth, just south of Houston at 10:45 am. Please bring vegetarian food to share with the over 100 people who come. This is an outdoor event so dress for the weather. For more information contact Valerie Lynch at [vlynch@ccny.org](mailto:vlynch@ccny.org) or 212-683-4988, ext. 19 – Details

### **Quarterly Congregational Meeting (with Budget Vote) – Sunday, June 7, 1 pm, Assembly Hall**

All Voting Members are encouraged to attend congregational meetings. Any questions about voting eligibility contact Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator, ([vlynch@ccny.org](mailto:vlynch@ccny.org) or 212-683-4988, ext. 23) before the meeting date. Lunch will be available.

### **Church Council – Wednesday, June 10, Potluck 6:00 pm Meeting 6:30-7:30 pm, Gallery**

The Church Council will be planning the coming church year activity calendar.

### **Social Tea – Tuesday, June 16, 2-3:30 pm**

#### **NOTE SCHEDULE CHANGE**

Join us for a guest speaker, conversation and light refreshments. This month's speaker is John Bruschi who will speak about Healthcare and Inequality.

### **UU Christian Fellowship – Thursday, June 18, 7:30-9 pm, Conference Room**

Theme for the year is Desert Spirituality. All are welcome. MNY-UUCF, a local chapter of the national UU Christian Fellowship (UUCF), is led by Rev. Dr. Kelly Murphy Mason, a UU community minister and former Vice-President of the UUCF. The chapter meets the third Thursday of every month at Community for fellowship and discussion, religious education, and spiritual deepening. (Break July and August)

### **ART SHOWCASE 2015 – Closing Reception: June 20, 6-8pm, Gallery**

The annual exhibit in which member artists of *Gallery35* display their best representative work—will be on display through June 20th. ***Be sure to visit the gallery for this last show of 2014/2015!*** (See page 7)

### **Pathways 2 – Our Community and the Meaning of Membership Date to be announced soon**

This session is devoted to sharing our spiritual and journey and exploring what Community Church offers. Our church provides an opportunity for people to grow their souls and to help their community in many practical ways. The session will last for approximately ninety minutes. Light refreshments will be served. An RSVP is requested. Any questions? Contact Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator, 212-683-4988, ext. 19 or [vlynch@ccny.org](mailto:vlynch@ccny.org).

### **Juneteenth – Friday, June 19, 5 pm. Details soon.**

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## OPPORTUNITIES 2015

**Governance/Committee Meetings:** Regular schedule may be changed during summer months

**Board of Trustees Meetings** – 4th Wednesday, Gallery  
Potluck at 6 pm; Meeting at 6:30-9:00 pm  
(June meeting to be held July 1– due to General Assembly)

**Church Council Meeting** – Meets Quarterly, Gallery  
(next meeting June 10) Potluck at 6 pm; Meeting at 6:30-7:30 pm,

**Finance Committee** – 3rd Wednesday, 6 pm, Gallery

**Buildings and Grounds Committee** – 1st Monday, 6 pm,  
Conference Room

**UN and Global Affairs Committee** – 1st Sunday, 9:45-10:45 am,  
Conference Room

### Additional Opportunities:

Esperanto Society – Third Friday, June 18, 7 pm, Third Fl.  
Classroom – No meeting July/August

Peoples Voice Café – On summer break until Septmeber  
Website: [www.peoplesvoicecafe.com](http://www.peoplesvoicecafe.com)

Henry George School is offering classes at Community on various evenings. Community Church Members and Friends are welcome – no fee. For more information contact (212) 889-8020 or email [info@hgsss.org](mailto:info@hgsss.org)

## MIDSUMMER Messiah

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 2**

Refreshments 12:30 pm  
in the Assembly Hall

*MidSummer Messiah Event*  
1:00 pm in the Assembly Hall

### *With Hosts*

Rev. Dr. Hope Johnson  
Dr. Janice Marie Johnson  
and

Gerald A. Brown, Music Director  
For more information please contact  
Jerry Brown at [jbrown@ccny.org](mailto:jbrown@ccny.org)  
212 683-4988 ext. 33

**P**lease join us for the Annual Midsummer Messiah 2015. We start off with a delicious light luncheon to suit many palates. With a sip of bubbly – non-alcoholic and alcoholic – before the Midsummer Messiah begins.

You are cordially invited to attend an inclusive, fun event that honors all voices! This event is in keeping with Community's mission statement, "To grow as a caring, justice-making, anti-racist, diverse, spiritual community."  
~ Adopted January, 2003

You may ask, "What does our mission statement have to do with the Midsummer Messiah?" More than you would imagine! This is an example of "a mission in action!"

Enthusiasm trumps ability when you sing at the Midsummer Messiah! This is an opportunity to sing in a team setting, even if it's above your comfort zone. In the midst of our diversity, we share one thing in common—WE ALL LOVE TO SING! Everyone grows a little stronger when we sing together. Plus, we'll meet new people, see old friends and have a great time!

A little bit about The Messiah: First performed in 1742, Georg Friedrich Händel's Messiah is possibly the most often performed work of European Classical Music. The complete work is divided into three sections. The first section, commonly referred to as the Christmas portion, and is frequently performed along with the Hallelujah Chorus (from the third section) without the second and third parts. This is the version we perform on Christmas Eve at the Community Church of New York.

We also welcome all who enjoy music and want to participate in the Midsummer Messiah by joining the audience. There is a place for everyone at the Midsummer Messiah.

Jerry, Janice, and Hope are looking forward to welcoming you to the 2015 Midsummer Messiah!

### **Credits & Guidelines**

Members are encouraged to submit articles to *Community Connections*. The submission deadline is typically the first Wednesday of the month prior to issue date. Submissions can be emailed to [info@ccny.org](mailto:info@ccny.org) or hand delivered to the Church. Articles submitted are subject to proofing and editing for clarity, brevity, grammar, punctuation, spelling and content.

# Events Calendar for June 2015

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**Virtual General Assembly: Participating from Off-site**  
 It is now possible to view the events at UUA General Assembly from your computer  
 – visit <http://www.uua.org/ga/virtual> for the links.

**FOR MORE Adult Religious Education and June/July/August (Summer) Opportunities/Events see pages 8,9**

Rev. Bruce Southworth, Senior Minister  
 Esther Rosado, Director of Lifespan Religious Education  
 Gerald A. Brown, Director of Music  
 Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator  
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**Have A Great Summer!**

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### IN MEMORIAM



**Laurie James**, long-time member of Community, passed away on July 22, surrounded by the loving presence of her family. Many will remember Laurie's gifts as an actress, playwright, and historian, as well as her warmth, creativity and caring presence.

Across the country, she offered her award-winning one-woman presentation about the life and influence of Margaret Fuller. In 2009, along with Community Women, Laurie presented her play *Roots of Rebellion* in our Assembly Hall. This past April, she graced us with her depiction of Elizabeth Cady Stanton's provocative and pioneering *Woman's Bible*. Laurie's most recent work "*Bloodheart*" was presented by the The Actor's Chapel at St. Malachy's church in June, with a fall production scheduled for London, England. Laurie will be greatly missed.

A memorial service will be held at Community on Sunday, September 13 at 1:30 pm.

### Member's Poetry

#### After the Funeral

Did I throw in  
the last handful of earth  
I don't remember.  
Someone said Lord a Psalm  
the ground was turned  
we returned from this home  
  
to wait.  
I've chosen to cremate. It is  
not the graceful  
slow that nourishes the world  
its loamy creatures.  
Airy particles gray ash bit of bone  
  
no big bang  
but after flames ions fly  
seek mates.  
Oh cliché I will be roses or irises  
or beets  
or float into almost space the void  
will not have  
me. I will be here whispering lurid  
tales of re-creation.

*Mary Orovan*

### Members Out and About

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO MARY OROVAN

Mary's publisher has informed her that her poetry collection *GREEN RAIN* (Poets wear Prada 2008), which many of you bought, will be out soon in Kindle format, and in an audio book as well. The hard copy still sells on Amazon.com, and a few copies are still available at our bookstall at the very discounted price of \$7.00. Mary says, "I don't make a penny on these, only Amazon, my publisher and the church does, but I am offering the last few copies I have as I want it out there:) " Here's what her publisher said, "Re-reading your poems again over the weekend was a joy for me. I am so proud to be your publisher. And if I ever have a doubt about running the press, I just need to remind myself to take *Green Rain* off the shelf, open it and read it. (Actually, now, I can carry it about on my phone! And read it with the Kindle app.)"

## Members Out and About continued

### My Riverboat Cruise on The Danube

By Lois Ross

It was an exciting trip. After long air traffic and luggage delays, we were finally off for smooth sailing. What a relaxing experience to sit on the top deck of the riverboat and gaze at the clear, clean water of the Danube and see castles and cathedrals on the land surrounding us dating back to the 14th century. I didn't know that one side of the water was called Buda and the other side Pest.

I met 135 people from all over the US; our guide Brenda was Hungarian and only 23 years old; she took charge of a group of mostly all seniors. In addition to enjoying the sights we had the most fantastic gourmet meals aboard the ship. The most outstanding place I enjoyed was Salzburg, Austria, where we went to

the Mozart home and museum, and the Dvořák Museum. I loved an outstanding concert where a 10 piece orchestra played the music of Strauss, while two ballet dancers danced on the stage in front. Two singers performed also to add to the entertainment.

In Prague we met up with two friends who live there. We went to a most unusual restaurant that looked like a cavern and had a delicious meal. We went with them into the subway and I was surprised to find that the platform was air conditioned. I wish that would happen here in New York. I cannot describe everything here, but I did take lots of photos. I hope to show them to you when they are developed.

### Bob Gumbs Hosting *The Concerned Forum* on Cable ~ David D. Strachan Recent Guest

By Bob Gumbs

I am pleased to announce that I had a great show Saturday, July 18. My guest was the eminent Brooklyn writer Mr. David D. Strahan. The topics were a wide variance, but especially the subjects of American Racism, the Theory of White Supremacy, the Massacre at Charleston, South Carolina, American Imperial Overreach, and the general attitude of fear within the American elec-

torate, that the Republican Party has been using for it's electoral gain and other related topics.

The Concerned Forum can be seen on Youtube, Facebook and on Channels 33, 34 and RCN 82 beginning in September. I hope you all find the show interesting and informative.



### Message From UN & Global Affairs

By George Garland

**U**N Global Affairs has a rich harvest of actions this fall. The final draft of the 17 **Sustainable Development Goals** has been released. USEPA has released the **Clean Power Plan**, the key ingredient for US participation and leadership in the Paris meeting of the **UN Framework Convention on Climate Change**. UNICEF has released a summary of achievements under the **Millennium Development Goals**. A billion people still use open defecation and, business as usual, half a billion will be lacking adequate sanitation by 2030 when we will be assessing the

performance under the **Sustainable Development Goals**. The **Sustainable Development Solutions Network** will offer the course from the Stockholm Resilience Institute on **Planetary Boundaries**. A UNGA theme for the fall will be Planetary Friends! The microbial universe offers a hope for continued human life on earth if properly nourished!

# UUA General Assembly 2015

## Reflections on UUA General Assembly 2015 – by an Off-Site Delegate

By Reena Kondo

**T**his year, even though, I couldn't afford to fly to Portland, Oregon for the UU General Assembly, I was able to "attend" as a Delegate from Community Church. This was the second year the UUA offered a streaming technology that was able to accommodate Off-Site voting Delegates from UU churches all over the country and overseas. That's an exciting development.

I have been to quite a number of UUA General Assemblies, because I was once on the Board of the UU Women's Federation, which was at that time the only women's group on the UUA Board, and they paid my expenses. Other times I was able to go to various GAs as a Community Church's delegate with the help that the church gives to members who agree to go as Delegates.

I have always found the General Assemblies to be enjoyable and stimulating. It expands one's understanding of the wider group of UUs. One is able to "catch up" with the latest issues that are pre-occupying the denomination and its creative responses. You begin to recognize some of the leaders and get to build up some understanding of the way the larger UUA organization works.

Being an off-site delegate meant that you could see and hear the reports of various UUA groups and the discussion of the issues to be voted on at the general meetings (plenaries) as well as hear and see a few of the main annual ceremonies and Ware Lecture. That means that you don't get a chance to see and "take part" in all of the many mini-assemblies. You also are not really able to socialize with UUs from the many UU churches in order to discuss shared

interests –and that can be an important part of the experience – although there was a limited access to a "chat room"

A GA goes on for four days, so being a dedicated off-site delegate means being "glued to a computer for long periods of time – although I was able to watch the screen from a recliner or a couch. On the whole the technology worked well although there were some glitches and it took me a while to learn the ropes.

The UUA adopted Statement of Conscience on Reproductive Justice. Workshop participants discussed ways to help the UUA Board reimagine governance.

An interesting approach used this year was to develop supporting connections with non UU groups working to improve problematic issues e.g. Native American tribes on climate change and the "Black Lives Matter" movement.

Three Actions of Immediate Witness (AIW) and the unincorporated amendments were read, discussed and voted for during a plenary.

They were:

- 1) Proposed AIW A: Support the Black Lives Matter Movement (There was much discussion of the wording of an amendment to this AIW)
- 2) Proposed AIW B: Act for a Livable Climate
- 3) Proposed AIW E: End Immigrant Child and Family Detention Now



**A summer class *Tearing Down the Tower of Babel*, facilitated by Jennifer Hamano, offered a look at language. It was well attended and we hope to offer a similar class later this fall.**





By Virginia Asman



**Gallery35** may have been on a summer hiatus, but several of its artist-members have been quite busy!

Denise Fryburg, one of Gallery35's newest members who were invited to join in June, is looking forward to the upcoming shows at Gallery35. Her background in the visual arts spans over a lifetime, with her first intense interest being in rendering, anatomy and sculpture while studying with sculptor, Peter Cozzolino. The

journey to find her place in the job market led her to study illustration, but finally, she dedicated her life to teaching students with special needs. Denise's turn to painting came in the late 90's, spending those years primarily studying with painter, Sam Adoquei. She has also continued pursuing her love of sculpture and anatomy by studying with sculptor, Anthony Antonios and artist, Colleen Barry. Most recently, Denise spent a number of years studying the French Atelier Method at the Grand Central Academy. Currently, she paints in her studios in New York City and Stone Ridge, New York.

**Valerie Lynch**, *Membership Coordinator of Community Church*, recently joined Gallery35. "I have been inspired over the years by the works of Gallery35 members, especially those who have offered art lessons at Community Church's spring retreats." Valerie was thrilled to participate in her first show, last spring's **Art Showcase**

**2015** and looks forward to upcoming shows. While in Arizona, she continues to take art classes and has recently joined WHAM (What's Happening Art Movement) Art Foundation, an organization that showcases works of local artists and offers classes to all ages. They also offer a special healing through art program for veterans suffering from PTS. She is very happy to have discovered the group. "Thank you Gallery35 for the warm welcome."

**Lois Ross**, a long-time church member who also joined Gallery35 this past spring, has worked in many mediums including oil, watercolor, tempera and acrylics. She has painted still life, abstracts and landscapes, and has worked in collage and lately sculpture. Lois loves doing art work and finds it very relaxing.

Founding member **Ellen Mandelbaum's** new invention: AquaGlass or InnerGlass, is beginning to gain attention. It is an artwork in a frame and can be hung on a wall in ordinary reflected light. This panel is impossible to adequately capture in photograph - so please imagine clear textured glass painted by Ellen, echoing a watercolor on the same subject in layers 1" apart. It changes as you move, and the light bounces back in the 1" depth off the watercolor so the stained glass receives the light it needs. An example of this new technique—I Dream of Willows—is on exhibit as part of the juried **AGG Now! Exhibit 2015 at Washington National Cathedral** through September 10th.

Gallery35 Chair, **Virginia Asman**, is embarking on her second year creating art in Santa Fe, New Mexico. This past June, she joined 68 artists in the **Santa Fe Studio Tour 2015**, showing 20 of her newest works inspired by this picturesque locale. She is currently the Exhibit Coordinator for **Art on Barcelona**—the gallery space at the UU Congregation of Santa Fe.



Photo Captions:  
Above: Virginia Asman: Santa Fe Studio Tour 2015  
Left: Denise Fryburg: Painting in progress  
Right: Ellen Mandelbaum: *I Dream of Willows*



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## OPPORTUNITIES 2015

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Sept Title: *RELIGION EXPLAINED: The Evolutionary Origins of Religious Thought* by Pascal Boyer

**First Saturday Feeding of the Hungry in the Bowery – First Saturdays, September 5, 10:45 am-12 pm**

We invite you to help the Sai Baba Group feed the hungry on the First Saturday of each month. We meet on Forsyth, just south of Houston at 10:45 am. Please bring vegetarian food to share with the over 100 people who come. This is an outdoor event so dress for the weather. For more information contact Valerie Lynch at [vlynch@ccny.org](mailto:vlynch@ccny.org) or 212-683-4988.

**Card Making with Valerie – Sunday, September 6, 1-2:30 pm, Front Lounge**

Join us after Fellowship Hour for an early afternoon of crafting fun. Make cards for the holidays or other special occasions. Supplies will be provided but feel free to bring your own as well.

**Activities and Committees Fair – Sunday, September 20, 12:15 pm-1 pm – Assembly Hall**

A special Fellowship Hour is planned for September 20. Learn about the many programs and activities that take place here at Community. There are many ways to get involved and share your gifts. Come explore!

**Studying Humanism – Last Mondays**

**Begins Monday, September 28, 6:30 pm, Conference Room**

A monthly study group facilitated by John Rafferty of the Secular Humanist Society of New York.

**Community Common Read**

**Mondays, September 21 and 28, 6:30-8 pm**

**John Haynes Holmes Community House at 28 E. 35th Street – Check Door Sign for Room Assignment**

Join us for a book study/discussion with Rev. Bruce Southworth, Senior Minister. We will be reading *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates

**UU Christian Fellowship –** Due to changes in Rev. Dr. Kelly Murphy Mason's schedule, the monthly session of Metro NY UUCF will not be held this year. However, watch the calendar for special events related to Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter seasons.

**Hatha Yoga with Nafisa Degani – Tuesdays, 6-7:30 pm and Saturdays, 12:30-2 pm, Rear Lounge**

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**Continuing the Journey**

**Third Thursdays, beginning September 17, 6-7:15 pm and First Sundays, beginning October 4, 12:45-2 pm, Gallery**

Do you wonder why your decisions are encumbered with old feelings? We will be exploring loss, sadness, stress, frustrations and discovering forgiveness, healing, serenity and calmness. These sessions follow the format of the meditation and conversation circles that began this summer. A commitment to attend the sessions of a circle will be needed. Series will be led by Barbara Simpson, Hospice Chaplain

### Coming Later this Fall

Back by Popular Demand!

**Arabic Language Workshop – 10 Week Class**

**Begins Saturday, October 3, Time: 10 am-12 pm, Rear Lounge (Most future classes will be in Gallery)**

Learn to speak, read and write Arabic through the lens of thousand-year-old axioms that offer us a glimpse into the culture as well as the language. BEGINNERS ARE WELCOME. Each session will include a review of the alphabet, reading practice, and speaking. Advance registration is requested. For more information, please contact Esther Rosado, Director of Lifespan Religious Education, or Brenda Carpenter at 347.798.5991. This class is FREE and open to all Community members and friends.

**Anti-Racism Team – Begins Sunday, October 4, 1 pm, Assembly Hall**

The team will offer films and discussions on various Sundays.

**Pathways Series – Let's Get Acquainted**

**Sunday, October 18, 12:45-1:30 pm, Gallery**

Especially for visitors, inquirers and new members!

This session is led by Rev. Bruce Southworth, our Senior Minister. He will share his journey and brief history of the church. This session will give people a chance to ask questions about our church as well as what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist.

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## **Social Tea – Tuesday, October 27, 2-3 pm.**

Join us for a guest speaker, conversation and light refreshments.

## **Exploring World Religions**

### **Third Sundays – Beginning October 18, 1 pm, Conference Room**

This series will present a basic picture of each of nine World Religions, using video and other imaging, text, commentary, and sometimes art and music. Each session is largely independent of the others, but the experience will be much richer if you attend all sessions. This is especially true for the first three presentations on the Abrahamic faiths. The class will be led by Rev. Dr. Orlanda Brugnola.

## **UNGA Forum**

### **Sunday, October 25, 1 pm, Assembly Hall**

United Nations and Global Affairs Committee will offer a forum celebrating the birthday of the UN. Also the children will "trick or treat" for UNICEF.

## **Green Sanctuary's 2015-2016 Book Group Series**

### **Tuesday, November 10, Gallery**

**6-6:30 pm** – Noshing & Socializing – Please bring a snack to share

**6:30-8:30 pm** – Discussion

Fall Title: *The Sixth Extinction* by Elizabeth Kolbert

## **Exploring Secular Buddhism: Liberation and Freedom in Everyday Life – Sunday, October 11, Time: 1-3 pm**

Alan Oliver will present and discuss the case for Secular Buddhism. Alan has been a Unitarian since 1958 and a Buddhist practitioner since 1983. Since 2005 he has considered himself a Secular Buddhist Educator and a follower of Stephen Batchelor's work. Stephen Batchelor, a former Tibetan trained monastic, has coined the term Secular Buddhism to describe a new approach to the traditional Buddhist teachings. He left the Tibetan Tradition, but has continued to expand his exploration of the teachings in books and lectures. His most famous book is "Buddhism Without Beliefs" and a more recent book is titled "Confession of a Buddhist Atheist". His approach is controversial within the traditional approaches to Buddhism and has led to much debate among the traditions. He stresses the application of a redefined Buddhism to the "here and now", how we create suffering and stress in our lives and how to end it. Alan leads Buddhist groups at three UU congregations in Central New Jersey and has offered to share his insights into the intersection between UU philosophy and values and Secular Buddhist approaches.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH – 11 am**

- September 13 – Homecoming Program
  - September 20 – Sunday School Begins
- Register now. All Children and Youth are Welcome!  
Contact Esther Rosado, DLRE, 212-683-4988 ext. 23.



## **Church Meetings**

### **Board of Trustees**

4th Wednesdays, (September 23) Gallery, 6 pm

### **Church Council**

3rd Wednesdays Quarterly beginning October 16

Potluck Gallery 6 pm/Meeting, 6:30 pm

### **Finance Committee**

3rd Wednesdays, (September 16) Gallery, 6 pm

### **Buildings & Grounds**

2nd Monday, (September 14)

Moves to 1st Mondays starting in October

Conference Room 6 pm

### **UN & Global Affairs**

1st Sunday, (September 6)

Conference Room, 9:45-10:45 am

Moves to 2nd Sundays, 1 pm starting in October



**Peoples' Voice Cafe – Fall 2015  
at Community Church of NY, lower level  
40 East 35th Street, NY, NY 10016**

**All shows Saturday at 8:00 pm • Doors open 7:30 pm**

### **Here's what's coming up:**

- September 19:** Gathering Time and The Lords of Liechtenstein  
**September 26:** Walkabout Clearwater Chorus  
**October 3:** Andy Cohen and Piedmont Bluz

## Events Calendar for September 2015

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| <b>TUESDAY, SEPT. 1</b><br>6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani<br><br><b>THURSDAY, SEPT. 3</b><br>7:00 Secular Humanist Society Book Club<br><br><b>SATURDAY, SEPT. 5</b><br>10:45 1st Saturday Feeding<br>12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani<br><br><b>SUNDAY, SEPT. 6</b><br>9:30 Choir Rehearsal<br>9:45 UN Global Affairs Meeting<br>11:00 Morning Worship<br>11:00 Sunday School<br>12:15 Fellowship Hour<br>12:45 Volunteer Choir<br>1:00 Card Making with Valerie | <b>MONDAY, SEPT. 7</b><br><b>Labor Day Holiday</b><br><b>Church Building Closed</b><br><br><b>TUESDAY, SEPT. 8</b><br>6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani<br><br><b>WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 9</b><br>6:00 Church Council Potluck<br>6:30 Church Council Meeting<br><br><b>SUNDAY, SEPT. 13</b><br><b>~ Homecoming ~</b><br>9:30 Choir Rehearsal<br>11:00 Morning Worship<br>11:00 Sunday School<br>12:15 Fellowship Hour<br>1:30 Laurie James Memorial Service | <b>MONDAY, SEPT. 14</b><br>6:00 Buildings & Grounds<br><br><b>TUESDAY, SEPT. 15</b><br>6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani<br><br><b>WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16</b><br>6:00 Finance Committee<br><br><b>THURSDAY, SEPT. 17</b><br>6:00 Continuing the Journey<br><br><b>SATURDAY, SEPT. 19</b><br>12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani<br>7:30 Esperanto Society<br>8:00 People's Voice Café | <b>SUNDAY, SEPT. 20</b><br>9:30 Choir Rehearsal<br>11:00 Morning Worship<br>11:00 Sunday School<br>12:15 Fellowship Hour<br>12:15 <b>Annual Activities and Committees Fair</b><br>12:45 Volunteer Choir Rehearsal<br><br><b>MONDAY, SEPT. 21</b><br>6:30 Community Common Read<br><br><b>TUESDAY, SEPT. 22</b><br>6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani<br><br><b>WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23</b><br>6:00 Board of Trustees | <b>SATURDAY, SEPT. 26</b><br>12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani<br>8:00 People's Voice Café<br><br><b>SUNDAY, SEPT. 27</b><br>9:30 Choir Rehearsal<br>11:00 Morning Worship<br>11:00 Sunday School<br>12:15 Fellowship Hour<br>12:45 Volunteer Choir Rehearsal<br><br><b>MONDAY, SEPT. 28</b><br>6:30 Community Common Read<br>6:30 Studying Humanism<br><br><b>TUESDAY, SEPT. 29</b><br>6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani |
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### Credits & Guidelines

Members are encouraged to submit articles to *Community Connections*. The submission deadline is typically the first Wednesday of the month prior to issue date. Submissions can be emailed to [info@ccny.org](mailto:info@ccny.org) or hand delivered to the Church. Articles submitted are subject to proofing and editing for clarity, brevity, grammar, punctuation, spelling and content.

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## Community Church Was There...



### *Still Can't Breathe*

#### Rally to Demand Justice for Eric Garner

Saturday, July 19 at U.S. District Court, Downtown Brooklyn, NY

#BlackLivesMatter

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## Members Out and About

### A New Venture for Shaun Randol

Friends at Community Church may have noticed my absence from Sunday services and church events over the past several months. That's because on Sundays – my only free day during the week – have been spent designing, building, and launching a brand new publishing company. The Mantle, an online magazine I founded in 2009, has started its own imprint. On July 31 we published our second book: *The Treatise of the Three Impostors, an Enlightenment-era*, radical critique of the founders and leaders of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. (Our first book, *Gambit: Newer African Writing*, is a collection of fiction and interviews from ten young African writers.)

Forthcoming titles include a novel from Scotland, two plays from Botswana, and a collection of Emma Goldman's feminist writing.

I'm proud to now call myself the editor in chief and publisher of The Mantle. It's been a long, hard few months, and there is so, so much left for me to do and learn. I've got some wind at my back, though, so look forward to rejoining Community in the year ahead.

Feel free to ask me about The Mantle and our publishing efforts. Learn more at <http://www.mantlethought.org/publishing> and email me at [shaunrandol@gmail.com](mailto:shaunrandol@gmail.com).

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**Lois Ross** will be performing in a group concert at Zankel Hall (Carnegie Hall) on December 19, at 8 pm. To attend, please send a check for \$30 made payable to ACMA (Amateur Classical Music Assoc.) and mail to Joseph Castelli, ACMA Treasurer 510 50th St., Lindenhurst, NY 11757. Lois, congratulations on this opportunity.

**Joe and Martha Wagner** made a trip to Russia this summer. Here is an excerpt from Joe's memoir essay: "In recent years, I've enjoyed corresponding over Skype with friends worldwide. Natalia, one such friend, living in Novosibirsk (capitol city of Siberia, Russia's 3rd largest city), took off a week from work, to sightsee her city with us.

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Photographer: Martha Wagner

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- 12 Brian Santiago
- 14 Deborah Washburn
- 19 Doris Jeffrey
- 23 Laura Breach
- 23 Polly Franchini
- 25 Mary DeLisi
- 25 Laurence Reilly
- 26 Craig Moore Cioletti
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## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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## Members Out and About *continued*

Her warm, cheerful persona (kidney failure/dialysis 3 times per week notwithstanding), her generosity (in the face of clearly meager resources), made Martha and me realize a blessing had appeared in our lives. She explained her desire to see the sights with us, sights she otherwise would likely not take the time to visit. One evening, she prepared dinner in her tiny apartment for us, 2 of her girlfriends, with her 80 year old mother and 15 year old son (both living with her), present. The pleasure of discovery, the sweetness of friendship, filled each day."

## General Assembly 2015

### Portland, Oregon

Community members **Rev. Dr. Hope Johnson** and **Dr. Janice Marie Johnson** met Rep. John Lewis at General Assembly 2015. Rep. Lewis received the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's Eleanor Roosevelt Award for Human Rights Leadership.



## Creativity And Card Making

*By Sandy Brooks*

**A**nother very special activity at Community occurred on two past Sundays! Facilitated by our own Valerie Lynch we were introduced to making our own cards using a wealth of provided materials.

There were papers of varying weights and shades, items to attach, multi-colored pencils and markers, glue sticks, mini patterned pieces of paper for us to 'play' with. Early anxieties began to fade as we let go our worries about being 'artistic' and allowed our

selves to 'play' and then find that creative spark that is within all of us.

Results were most exciting as we shared with delight the varied very beautiful cards we produced for birthday, friendship and special events. (Hallmark NEVER was as wondrous!).

A third session is in the planning stage, and I don't doubt that more artists will emerge as we grow in trusting ourselves. Watch for announcement of next session!

Note: The Sunday School children enjoyed a card-making session on Homecoming Sunday, September 13. See their handiwork.



Childrens' Work



Adults' Work



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## The United Nations at 70: Expectations and Achievements

By George Garland

**C**ommunity Church of New York will celebrate the 70th birthday of the United Nations on Sunday October 25th. Cake during Fellowship Hour will be followed by speakers and discussion on expectations for the third millennium as well as achievements since October 24, 1945.

**Expectations** When the UN General Assembly adopts the Sustainable Development Goals our global agenda will have 17 goals and 169 specific targets. Sustainability includes environmental sustainability, social justice, economic justice, and good governance. The UN Framework Convention on Climate Change meeting in Paris this coming December will set global goals for combatting climate change. By 2050, global economic product is expected to triple while carbon emissions may be cut in half—reduction in carbon intensity by a factor of six! Oxfam and Kate Raworth nicely captured this robust challenge in doughnut economics as described in *A Safe and Just Space for Humanity*. The doughnut represents space where economic and social justice, good governance, and environmental sustainability prevail. The inside of the doughnut represents space where one or more of these conditions has yet to be achieved. The outside of the doughnut represents space where planetary boundaries (Science magazine, January 2015) have been exceeded.

In *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis questions "trust in God and all will be well". The responsibility for creating social and economic justice,

good government and environmental sustainability rests squarely with people. The sixth extinction is within our grasp. Save the planet? The forests and oceans will do just fine without people. It's up to us, and the United Nations provides the roadmap.

**Achievements** Since 1945, no more nuclear blasts despite cold war rhetoric. Diplomacy has many nations promoting nuclear slowdown and Global Zero reminds President Obama of his call for a nuclear free world. Europe debates means for helping refugees, not declarations of war. The Millennium Development Goals have achieved much while much remains to be done. Sustainable Energy for All promotes energy efficiency and renewable energy over fossil fuels while addressing the 1.2 billion who have yet to have access to electricity. Ralph Bunche presided over a UN agency for eliminating colonialism.

So much achieved, so much more to go. In his course on the Age of Sustainability, Jeff Sachs shows the rail network in Africa which is designed for resource exploitation. Dr. Sachs is the UN's go to guy for the Sustainable Development Network which highlights the importance of food, energy, water, cities, gender equality, and available health care.

**Community Church of New York.** The next 15 years will lay the groundwork for achievement or extinction. Up to us!



## First Saturday Feeding of the Hungry ~ September 5, 2015

**R**oger Worme, a representative of World Merit USA (a community platform connecting young changemakers with one another to effectively engage social challenges), is a new friend at Community Church and he participated in the First Saturday Feeding the Hungry program in September. He recently wrote and shared a photo. "I arrived at 11am, and distributed handfuls of peanuts.

90% of the food was gone by 11:50. September 5th was the International Day of Charity, so it was an honor to find an opportunity to serve." We hope more Community members and friends will join in this opportunity to help others. Contact Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator, [vlynch@ccny.org](mailto:vlynch@ccny.org) or 212-683-4988, ext. 19, to learn more.



(Editor's Note: Roger will be the Guest Moderator for the upcoming UN & Global Affairs Committee's program celebrating the UN's 70th birthday on October 25, 12:45 pm in the Assembly Hall.)

## The Ethelwyn Doolittle Justice and Outreach Fund – A Vital Contribution to World Justice

By Rose Crayton, Chair

Each year the Community Church of New York through the Ethelwyn Doolittle Justice and Outreach Fund awards grants to charitable organizations outside of the Community Church that provide essential community services. These organizations must provide direct assistance or advocacy to designated communities in need. Their work must also fall within the areas of human rights, civil liberties, racial justice and/or environmental concerns. All organizations must have current 501.c. 3 designations. After careful consideration and deliberation, new grants were awarded in 2015 to the following organizations:

### DOOLITTLE GRANTS AWARDED IN 2015 FINAL REPORT New Organizations

#### NYC New Sanctuary Coalition

The Grant is to be used toward the Executive Director's salary. NYCNSC's Executive Director, Ravi Ragbir, has been critical for the success and development of many of their programs. NYCNSC advocates on behalf of, and provides aid to, illegal immigrants who, after residing in the US for an extended period, are facing deportation. NYCNSC especially focuses on families which would be broken apart by, for example, the deportation of a parent with US-born children. Ravi Ragbir has been crucial to the success of NYCNSC's many programs which, with his guidance and energy, will continue to positively impact the lives of underrepresented illegal immigrants and (when applicable) their US-citizen family members.

#### Jewish Voice for Peace

The grant will be used to fund JVP's Free Speech Defense Project. This project works to promote and facilitate open communication within the Jewish community, as well as between the Jewish and non-Jewish communities, regarding the Israeli/Palestinian conflict in the Middle East. The ultimate goal of increasing open discussion is a mutually beneficial peace. JVP especially focuses on de-stigmatizing criticism of Israel's policies and promoting a clear distinction between non-anti-Semitic criticism of Israel's role in the Middle East conflict and anti-Semitism, as such criticism is often mislabeled and stigmatized. JVP is committed to supporting the use of the freedom of speech we enjoy in America to build inter-communal ties and advocate for peace in the Middle East on terms equally beneficial to all.

#### Murray Grove Retreat and Renewal Center

Murray Grove is a peaceful place that allows guests to disconnect from the concerns of their everyday lives. It is located on twenty lovely, partially wooded acres bordering a two hundred acre wildlife preserve with nature trails. This year's grant will contribute to the creation of rain guards to protect its buildings and grounds from flooding and to educate people about environmentally sound and sustainable way of preventing flood damage. As the birthplace of Universalism in America, Murray Grove has special importance for Unitarian Universalists.

#### United Palestinian Appeal, Inc.

The United Palestinian Appeal works to alleviate the suffering of Palestinians, especially those in the West Bank, Gaza, and refugee camps throughout the Middle East. It focuses on works in three main sectors; health and welfare; education; and community development. The grant is be used to fund "Gaza Through A Child's Eyes", a collection of 30 framed drawings made by Palestinian children in the wake of Israel's assault and invasion of the Gaza in 2008 and 2009, which razed 4,000 homes and killed more than 1,400 Palestinians, including 352 children. The exhibit will raise awareness of the origin of children's mental health issues in order to generate interest in future mental health projects.

#### Grace Outreach

This agency works to combat the educational and employment disparities faced by low-income, non-high school degreed women in the Bronx. They seek to offer educational opportunities by providing academic and career pathways as well as supportive mentors and networks with the ultimate impact being to change the patterns of poverty and dependency. Grace Outreach has operated from 2004, has healthy finances and a strong board. The grant will be used for general support of their programs.

#### Doctors Without Borders

This agency works to provide medical care for millions of people in nearly 70 countries who turn to them for help. There are always numerous emergencies. Current to the agency are emergencies in South Sudan, Central African Republic and Syria. Since 1980 the organization has treated over 100 million people. This grant will, as most donations, go directly into program services to continue this work.

#### Imani House

It's goal is to assist marginalized youth and families to create vibrant neighborhoods where residents are decision makers and take responsibility for improving their lives. Imani House and has been for the forefront of Ebola eradication efforts and combatting illiteracy in Liberia and in Brooklyn, New York. The grant is to be used for the Ebola Education and Outreach Project. It will allow Imani House to train at least 10 community volunteers, who will travel over a mapped area to teach house hold members how to avoid, respond to and report suspected Ebola cases.

#### The Innocence Project

The Innocence Project is a national litigation and public policy organization dedicated to exonerating wrongfully convicted people through DNA testing and reforming the criminal justice system to prevent future injustice. The IP provides pro bono post-conviction representation to people whose claims of innocence might be proven by DNA testing of forensic evidence. The grant will help them continue to free the innocent, support the recently exonerated, and do even more to create a justice system that is truly worthy of the name.

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### Renewals from 2014

Lawyers Without Borders  
Bronx Freedom Fund  
Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East  
Negro Aviators International, Inc.  
First Friends Corp. of N.J. & N.Y.  
Correctional Association Of NY

### Memberships for 2015

In addition to its grant making responsibilities, the EDJOF Committee develops an annual list of organizations to receive a “Congregational Membership Support” check. The following organizations were awarded membership grants for 2015:

The Ali Forney Center  
Center for Constitutional Rights

Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc.  
Empire State Pride Agenda  
Fortune Society  
Interfaith Assembly for Homelessness and Housing  
Interfaith Alliance  
Interfaith IMPACT of New York State  
Murray Hill Neighborhood Association  
NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund Inc.  
NAACP National Headquarters  
New York Civil Liberties Union  
Queens Pride House  
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee  
Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office  
Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation



## Fatoumata's Family And The Community Church Kingsland Camp Fund

By Leonore Tiefer, Chair, New Sanctuary Task Force

Community Church has had a Kingsland Camp Fund for many years as a result of a bequest made many years ago from Mr. Kingsland Camp (that's his name – there is no bricks and mortar camp!). The purpose of the fund is to underwrite special projects that expand the ministry of the church. [http://www.ccnyc.org/justice\\_committees\\_groups/article196535.htm](http://www.ccnyc.org/justice_committees_groups/article196535.htm)

The New Sanctuary Task Force submitted an application in the Spring for 2015-2016 funds for afterschool and summer activities for the family and for college preparation for the 2nd daughter, Bintou, who will be a senior in high school this year. In June, the New Sanctuary Task Force received a Kingsland Camp Fund grant to help our Sanctuary Family and we started using it right away.

The kids had a good and productive summer because of these interventions:

- The 2 youngest, Muhamed and Abdou, went to one week of YMCA sleepaway camp and 7 weeks of summer day camp in the Bronx (Kips Bay Boys and Girls camp);
- Npenda Fofana, the 4th daughter, who will be taking the exam for specialized high schools this fall, took a Kaplan

Preparation course for the exam and also went to summer day camp;

- Bintou took a Kaplan SAT-preparation course, and will be taking another one this fall that helped her older sister, Fanta, a couple of years ago. (You may remember that Fanta, a graduate of Brooklyn Tech HS, is now entering her sophomore year at Boston University – yay, Fanta!);
- We bought new computers for Bintou and Aminata (she's the 3rd daughter, entering the 10th grade this year); and upgraded Fanta's computer;
- We got MetroCards for the girls to travel to their summer study courses and camp stuff for the boys to take to the YMCA camp;

There are still some funds left, so we will use them for after-school activities this year.

Because of Community Church's generosity, this family is in a better position to succeed in New York in the 21st century.



October 4–Nov 20, 2015  
Artist's Reception: October 17,  
6:00–8:00 pm

Gallery35's first show of 2015/2016 is entitled **"The Fall Collection"**— and what a collection it is! We are especially excited to be exhibiting the work of four brand new members — **John Devaney, Karen Fitzgerald, Denise Fryburg and Phyllis Mallinow** — along with many of our returning artists! Of special interest is a new medium for Gallery35 — Karen Fitzgerald's oil with aluminum and 12k gold on prepared paper. Most of the

work will be newly-created and never before shown in Gallery35.

***Just one artists' reception has been scheduled, so do not miss it!***

*Shown below: the work of (l-r) John Devaney, Karen Fitzgerald, Denise Fryburg, and Phyllis Mallinow (bottom)*



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## OPPORTUNITIES 2015

### Pathways

#### **Pathways Series – Let's Get Acquainted Sunday, October 4, 12:45-1:30 pm, Conference Room**

What does it mean to be a Unitarian Universalist? What does it mean to be a member of Community Church? In order to help answer these questions, we offer our Pathways Classes. This session is led by Rev. Bruce Southworth, our Senior Minister. He will share his journey and brief history of the church. This session will give people a chance to ask questions about our church as well as what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist.

#### **Secular Humanist Society of New York Book Club**

##### **First Thursdays – Thursdays, October 1 and November 5, 7-8:30 pm, Front Lounge**

Some of us will have dinner together afterwards at a nearby (inexpensive) restaurant. Please join us. Join us even if you haven't finished reading. The book club is open to all ... and free! October Title: *Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind* by Yuval Noah Harari  
November Title: TBA

#### **Arabic Workshop – Back by Popular Demand!**

##### **Weekly beginning Saturday, October 3, Time: 10 am-12 pm No Class November 28.**

Learn to speak, read and write Arabic through the lens of thousand-year-old axioms that offer us a glimpse into the culture as well as the language. BEGINNERS ARE WELCOME! Each session will include a review of the alphabet, reading practice, and speaking. Advance registration is requested. For more information, please contact Esther Rosado, Director of Lifespan Religious Education, or Brenda Carpenter at 347.798.5991. This class is FREE and open to all Community members and friends.

#### **First Saturday Feeding of the Hungry in the Bowery**

##### **First Saturdays, October 3 and November 7, 10:45 am-12 pm**

We invite you to help the Sai Baba Group feed the hungry on the First Saturday of each month. We meet on Forsyth, just south of Houston at 10:45 am. Please bring vegetarian food to share with the over 100 people who come. This is an outdoor event so dress for the weather. For more information contact Valerie Lynch at [vlynch@ccny.org](mailto:vlynch@ccny.org) or 212-683-4988.

#### **Anti-Racism Team**

##### **Sunday, October 4, 1 pm, Assembly Hall**

The team will offer films and discussions on various Sundays.

#### **Continuing the Journey**

##### **First Sundays, beginning October 4, 12:45-2 pm, Gallery and Third Thursdays, beginning September 17, 6-7:15 pm**

Do you wonder why your decisions are encumbered with old feelings? We will be exploring loss, sadness, stress, frustrations and discovering forgiveness, healing, serenity and calmness. These sessions follow the format of the meditation and conversation circles that began this summer. A commitment to attend the sessions of a circle will be needed. Series will be led by Barbara Simpson, Hospice Chaplain

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#### **Gallery35 Art Show – *The Fall Collection***

Artists' Reception

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United Nations and Global Affairs Committee will offer a forum celebrating the 70th birthday of the UN. Distinguished guests will include Ethiopian ministers, UN diplomats, and previous program participants will speak. Roger Worme will moderate.

### **Studying Humanism**

**Last Mondays, October 26 and November 30, 6:30 pm, Conference Room**

A monthly study group facilitated by John Rafferty of the Secular Humanist Society of New York.

### **Social Tea – Tuesday, October 27, 2-3:30 pm, Assembly Hall**

David D. Strachan, will be our guest speaker in October. He is completing a book titled "Playing the Game: Turning My Personal Defeat into Aviation History". It is a memoir and handbook for survival for young men and women of color in the 21st century. David has a fascinating story. Make sure this is on your calendar. November date TBA.

### **Green Sanctuary's 2015-2016 Book Group Series**

This season we're thrilled to have selected 2 excellent books. We hope you'll find these books as relevant and compelling as we have.

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**6-6:30 pm** – Noshing & Socializing – please bring something to share – 6:30-8:30pm – Discussion

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Green Sanctuary Book Club Presents Film

**Sunday, November 15, 1 pm, Assembly Hall**

A new film based on the book "This Changes Everything" by Naomi Klein, Q&A follows

**Tuesdays, January 12 and February 9, in the Gallery**

**6-6:30pm** – Noshing & Socializing – please bring something to share – 6:30-8:30pm – Discussion

Winter Title: *Stop, Thief!: The Commons, Enclosures, and Resistance* by Peter Linebaugh

### **UU Christian Fellowship**

Due to changes in Rev. Dr. Kelly Murphy Mason's schedule, the monthly session of Metro NY UUCF will not be held this year. However, special sessions related to Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter seasons will be offered. Our Advent event will take place on December 10, and will be a highly experiential workshop

on the contemplative practice of Centering Prayer.

Two documents, one outlining the essential elements of this spiritual practice, courtesy of the Center for Contemplative Outreach, headed by Fr. Thomas Keating, and another illustrating the "family tree" of contemplative practices across various world religions, courtesy of the Metta Institute, is available on our website or by request – contact the church office. The Lenten event will be a Maundy Thursday Chapel and Communion Service, to be held on March 24, 2016

### **Governance/Committee Meetings:**

Board of Trustees Meetings – 4th Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Gallery

Church Council Meetings – Meets Quarterly (next mtg. TBA)  
6 pm Potluck, 6:30-7:30 pm Meeting, Gallery

Finance Committee – 3rd Wednesdays, 6 pm, Gallery

Buildings and Grounds Committee – 1st Mondays, 6 pm, Conference Room

United Nations and Global Affairs Committee – 2nd Sundays, 1-2:15 pm, Conference Room (November date will be changed)

### **Quarterly Congregational Meeting – Sunday, November 8, 1 pm, Assembly Hall**

Everyone is welcome to attend. Lunch will be available. Agenda to be mailed.

### **Esperanto Society – Third Fridays, 7 pm, 3rd Floor Classroom (September-May)**

**Henry George School** is offering classes at Community on various evenings. Community Church Members and Friends are welcome – no fee. For more information contact (212) 889-8020 or email [info@hgsss.org](mailto:info@hgsss.org).

### **UU Women's Association Weekend Retreat/Renewal Friday-Sunday, November 6-8, Glen Cove NY**

Theme: Eco- Arts – Creativity and Climate Activism  
Facilitator: Daniela Gioseffi Prize Poet and dedicated member of 350.org and Kim Fraczec – Artist and Co-Leader of Sane Energy  
Contact Reena Kondo for more information.

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH – 11 am

Register now. All Children and Youth are Welcome!  
Contact Esther Rosado, DLRE, 212-683-4988 ext. 23.



Stop by and meet our new Religious Education Teaching Team:  
**Dawn Stewart-Lookkin, Lehna Huie and Endrina Perez**



**Classical Vocal Arts for Children  
Orientation/Sunday, October 18  
12:45-2 pm, Gallery  
Regular Sessions – 2nd and 4th  
Sundays – Beginning October 25  
12:45-2 pm**

Cheryl Warfield, Artistic Director of Manhattan Opera Repertory Ensemble, known as MOREOpera, will offer a year-long series of classical vocal arts for children and youth, including music appreciation and chorus training program **open to all children aged 6-14 (some flexibility) so invite family, friends and neighbors too.** There will be no tuition fee. For more information contact Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator, [vlynch@ccny.org](mailto:vlynch@ccny.org) or 212-683-4988, ext. 19.

### News from the Bookstall

Books that have been selected for recent and upcoming book studies are available at our Bookstall on Sundays. Stop by and check out our offerings.

*This Changes Everything* by Naomi Klein  
Special Price \$10

*Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates – \$16

*The Sixth Extinction* by Elizabeth Kolbert – Coming Soon

Bookstall Sale – purchase one new book  
and choose one used book or CD free.

### Other Opportunities:



**Peoples' Voice Cafe – Fall 2015  
at Community Church of NY, lower level  
40 East 35th Street, NY, NY 10016**

**All shows Saturday at 8:00 pm • Doors open 7:30 pm  
[www.peoplesvoicecafe.org](http://www.peoplesvoicecafe.org)**

### Here's what's coming up:

**October 3: Andy Cohen and The Piedmont Bluz  
Acoustic Duo**

**October 10: The Rix and David Laibman**

**October 17: Jolie Rickman Tribute Concert**

**October 24: Bev Grant and Lara Herscovitch**

**October 31: Donie Carroll and Gabriel Donohue**

**November 7: The Siegel Family**

**November 14: emma's revolution**

**November 21: Danny Savyon; David Cadaqu;  
Ron Duncan**

**November 28: (Closed for Thanksgiving Weekend)**

### SAVE THE DATE

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**NOVEMBER 8, 2015**

**at 12:45 pm IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL**

***Everyone welcome!***

# Events Calendar for October 2015

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| <b>THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1</b><br>7:00 Secular Humanist Society Book Club<br><br><b>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3</b><br>10:00 Arabic Worship<br>10:45 1st Saturday Feeding<br>12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani<br><br><b>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4</b><br>9:30 Choir Rehearsal<br>11:00 Morning Worship<br>11:00 Sunday School<br>12:15 Fellowship Hour<br>12:45 Continuing Journey<br>12:45 Pathway Series<br>1:00 Antiracism Team<br><br><b>MONDAY, OCTOBER 5</b><br>6:00 Buildings & Grounds<br><br><b>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6</b><br>6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani | <b>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7</b><br>6:30 Henry George School<br>6:30 Gallery35<br><br><b>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9</b><br>6:30 Henry George School<br><br><b>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10</b><br>12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani<br>8:00 Peoples' Voice Café<br><br><b>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11</b><br>9:30 Choir Rehearsal<br>11:00 Morning Worship<br>11:00 Sunday School<br>12:15 Fellowship Hour<br>1:00 UN Global Affairs<br>1:00 Exploring Secular Buddhism<br><br><b>MONDAY, OCTOBER 12</b><br><b>Columbus Day Holiday</b> | <b>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13</b><br>6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani<br><br><b>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14</b><br><br><b>THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15</b><br>6:00 Continuing Journey<br><br><b>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16</b><br>7:00 Esperanto Society<br><br><b>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17</b><br>10:00 Arabic Class<br>12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani<br>8:00 Peoples' Voice Café<br><br><b>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18</b><br>11:00 Morning Worship<br>11:00 Sunday School<br>12:15 Fellowship Hour<br>12:45 Volunteer Choir Rehearsal<br>12:45 Vocal Arts for Children<br>1:00 Exploring World Religions | <b>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20</b><br>6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani<br><br><b>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21</b><br>6:00 Finance Cmte.<br><br><b>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24</b><br>10:00 Arabic Class<br>12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani<br>8:00 Peoples' Voice Café<br><br><b>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25</b><br>9:30 Choir Rehearsal<br>11:00 Morning Worship<br>11:00 Sunday School<br>12:15 Fellowship Hour<br>12:45 Volunteer Choir<br>12:45 Vocal Arts for Children<br>1:00 UN Global Affairs Forum | <b>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27</b><br>2:00 Social Tea<br>6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani<br>6:30 Studying Humanism<br><br><b>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28</b><br>6:30 Board of Trustees<br><br><b>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31</b><br>8:00 Peoples' Voice Café |
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## Credits & Guidelines

Members are encouraged to submit articles to *Community Connections*. The submission deadline is typically the first Wednesday of the month prior to issue date. Submissions can be emailed to [info@ccny.org](mailto:info@ccny.org) or hand delivered to the Church. Articles submitted are subject to proofing and editing for clarity, brevity, grammar, punctuation, spelling and content.

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| <b>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1</b><br><b>Daylight Savings Ends</b><br>9:30 Choir Rehearsal<br>9:45 UN & Global Affairs Meeting<br>11:00 Morning Worship<br>11:00 Sunday School<br>12:15 Fellowship Hour<br>12:30 Halloween Party<br>12:45 Continuing Journey<br><br><b>MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2</b><br>6:00 Buildings & Grounds<br>6:30 Introduction to Humanism<br><br><b>TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3</b><br>6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani<br><br><b>THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5</b><br>6:30 Pathways 2<br>7:00 Secular Humanist Book Club<br><br><b>FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6</b><br>6:30 Antiracism Team<br>UUWA Weekend Retreat<br><br><b>SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7</b><br>10:00 Arabic Class<br>10:45 First Saturday Feeding<br>12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani<br>8:00 Peoples' Voice Café | <b>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8</b><br>9:30 Choir Rehearsal<br>11:00 Morning Worship<br>11:00 Sunday School<br>12:15 Fellowship Hour<br>12:45 Vocal Arts for Children<br><b>12:45 Congregational Meeting</b><br><br><b>TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10</b><br><b>Election Day</b><br>6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani<br>6:30 Green Sanctuary Book Club<br><br><b>SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14</b><br>10:00 Arabic Class<br>12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani<br>8:00 Peoples' Voice Café<br><br><b>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16</b><br>9:30 Choir Rehearsal<br>11:00 Morning Worship<br>11:00 Sunday School<br>12:15 Fellowship Hour<br>12:24 Volunteer Choir Rehearsal<br>1:00 Exploring World Religions<br>6:00 UUWA Board Meeting<br><br><b>TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17</b><br>6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani | <b>WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18</b><br>6:00 Finance Committee<br><br><b>THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19</b><br>6:00 Continuing Journey<br><br><b>FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20</b><br>7:00 Esperanto Society<br><br><b>SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21</b><br>10:00 Arabic Class<br>12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani<br>8:00 Peoples' Voice Café<br><br><b>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22</b><br>9:30 Choir Rehearsal<br>11:00 Morning Worship<br>Thanksgiving Service<br>11:00 Sunday School<br>12:15 Fellowship Hour<br>1:00 Antiracism Team Film<br><br><b>MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23</b><br>6:00 Introduction to Humanism<br><br><b>TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23</b><br>2:00 Social Tea<br>6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani | <b>THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26</b><br><br><br><br><b>FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27</b><br><b>Church Office Closed</b><br><br><b>SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28</b><br>12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani<br><br><b>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29</b><br>9:30 Choir Rehearsal<br>11:00 Morning Worship<br>11:00 Sunday School<br>12:15 Fellowship Hour<br>12:45 Volunteer Choir<br><br><b>MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30</b><br>6:30 Studying Humanism |
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### Planning Ahead for the Holidays

**Thanksgiving Intergenerational Sunday**  
Join us for the traditional Cornbread Communion  
on Sunday, November 22, at 11 am



**Holiday Crafts Fair**  
Sunday, December 6



**B**e sure to stay after church on December 6 and invite your friends and neighbors to our annual Holiday Crafts Fair in the Assembly Hall, 12 to 4 pm. You'll be able to find anything from affordable art to tee-shirts. Come and peruse the unique handcrafted items made by artisan members and friends of Community Church, and stay for a delicious lunch. Contact Jody Leight at [j\\_cyberbunny@yahoo.com](mailto:j_cyberbunny@yahoo.com) if you're interested in vending. Contact Lisa Gluck at [lgluckster@gmail.com](mailto:lgluckster@gmail.com) to volunteer to help make or serve lunch or to donate food.

Rev. Bruce Southworth, Senior Minister  
Esther Rosado, Director of Lifespan Religious Education  
Gerald A. Brown, Director of Music  
Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator  
Rev. Dr. Orlanda Brugnola, Affiliate Minister

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# COMMUNITY connections

THE COMMUNITY CHURCH  
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## Annual Holiday Crafts Fair



The Community Church of NY  
Unitarian Universalist

40 East 35th St (between Park & Mad.) • NYC

December 6th, 2015 – 12:15-4:00 p.m.

Original gift & food items created by Artisan members  
and friends of Community Church of New York

We look forward to seeing you there!

### Here At Community

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## Christmas Eve at Community

### Candle-Lighting Service

December 24th 4:30 p.m.

A service of readings, music  
and carols concluding with a  
candle-lighting ceremony.

Hot cider and cookies  
will follow the service.



This  
year we  
again offer  
the Christmas  
portion (and Halleluiah  
Chorus) of Händel's "Messiah."

The choir of approximately sixty members  
will include members of the church,  
as well as singers from the larger  
community.

The service  
will  
begin at  
7:30 p.m.

## Kwanzaa



December 27, we  
celebrate the familial  
and cultural wisdom  
and values from the  
African tradition.

## Hanukkah

Lighting of the Menorah  
Sunday, December 6 at 11 am

## Christmas Day Dinner

Advanced Purchase Ticket Required  
See page 9

### CHRISTMAS DINNER

December 25th – 12:00 Noon.

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Adults – \$20.00  
Age 12 and under \$ 7.00  
Family Maximum \$50.00 Ticket No. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Welcome New Member

We give a warm welcome to new member  
Dr. Peter Walter, who joined Community in October.

## Members Out and About

**Lois Ross** will be in a group concert (through an organization called ACMA -Amateur Classical Music Association) on Saturday, December 19 at 7:30 pm. It will be held in Zankel Hall, around the corner from Carnegie Hall. Tickets are available at the Carnegie Hall Box Office (web, phone or in person). The concert is called Passion for Performance. It promises to be a varied and very interesting performance. She will be playing Arabesque, by Debussy.

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Gary Geoghegan
- 6 Ginger Ruckes-Brooks
- 6 Deborah de Bauernfeind
- 7 Joseph Wagner II
- 8 L. Oriana Linares
- 10 Sondra Brooks
- 10 Vernon Jacob
- 13 Harry Xanthakos
- 14 J. Andrea McMahon
- 18 Vera Lilly
- 20 Daniel McNatt
- 21 Sally Asiedu
- 24 Lois Ross
- 29 Tina Redick
- 29 Patricia Garbarini

## Social Tea with David D. Strachan

**David D. Strachan** was our guest speaker at the October Social Tea. David gave a riveting talk about his life and his new book *Playing the Game: Turning My Personal Defeat into Aviation History*. We had 30 attendees. The book will be available at our bookstall and on Amazon.com. Also, **Bob Gumbs** recently interviewed David on his show *The Concerned Forum* – a link to view via YOUTUBE is on our homepage. (Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uLSJAfKT1zw>)



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Rev. Louis Schwebius
- 8 Douglas Anderson
- 12 Anna-Lisa Hafgren
- 12 Lucille McEwen
- 13 George Rainer
- 13 Heidi Siegfried
- 15 Juanita Ambrose
- 16 George Duckett
- 16 Jova Vargas
- 20 Harry French
- 24 Jo Ann Corkran
- 25 Sheila Kaminsky
- 27 Carolyn Julien
- 27 Marian Glassman
- 28 Khalilah Arrington
- 29 Corinne Padavano

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### Making Cards at Community



A card making circle is growing at Community. We'll be gathering quarterly (usually close to Congregational Meeting dates). We are having a wonderful time making beautiful artistic cards and developing new friendships. Join us next time! No experience or special talent needed. Materials are supplied. Watch the announcements for upcoming dates.



### Classical Vocal Arts for Children

Cheryl Warfield, Artistic Director of Manhattan Opera Repertory Ensemble, known as *MOREOpera*, offers classical voice and chorus training along with music appreciation to children on 2nd and 4th Sundays at 12:30. Any child in the NYC area is invited to participate. Several of our Sunday School children and youth are now involved. This fall, they are working on repertoire in preparation for

a musical presentation for Black History Month based on the theme "*I Have a Dream*" that will be open to the general public.

**This series is open to all children aged 6-14 (some age flexibility) so invite family, friends and neighbors too.** For more information contact Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator, [vlynch@ccny.org](mailto:vlynch@ccny.org) or 212-683-4988, ext. 19



### Yoga – An Interior Journey

By Nafisa Degani

*“What hatha yoga does is, if you consciously hold the body in an asana, it can alter the way you think and feel and experience life.”*

*Sadhguru*



**A**s I read this mystic quote for the day on my iphone, it inspired me to contribute to the Community News and spread the word that hatha yoga transforms the body, mind and soul in manifold ways. I have been enjoying the progress of

friends that attend my yoga class on a weekly or bi-weekly basis at the church. It is a labor of love for me. I have witnessed changes in myself and most everyone who attends and find that a disciplined practice allows one to give up prescription drugs in exchange for holding asanas (yoga postures) using deep breath. This swap is far more pleasurable than meds and bills.

Some students never miss a class – one woman, for example, I have watched her grow for the last year and a half. She feels calm and centered after every class. She says she is beginning to feel spiritual and was so excited when she could, for the very first time, get into the balanced tree pose without hanging on to the adjacent wall (which she usually leans on when balancing).

Another woman feels yoga centers her and brings her to a place of relaxation and calm. She expressed satisfaction one day when

she announced that she could finally do backbends (which she hated at first) and actually enjoyed the experience.

The fun part of the asanas is that they uncover themselves very slowly just like the gradual blossoming of flowers or the turning of a chrysalis into a butterfly, a slow controlled process. After a long time of doing the same movement, one fine day a discovery is made that the body can, indeed, take one to a great backbend, a precise balance or a flawless crow posture, all perfectly suited to one's individual body.

One Saturday class, I saw another student lift her buttocks off the ground and do the shoulder stand (sarang asana). It was an exhilarating moment as I saw the joy on her face when she was able to do the sarvang asana the correct way.

Young adult students of the class are inspirational as they can get into asanas much easier than the rest of us and this is fun to watch. It also raises the field of consciousness in the class with young energy which inspires everyone. This mix of all ages is very delightful and gets us all to put in our best.

All the students bring their beautiful energies and make the class a meditative and soulful place to practice. Small victories and big joyous moments for us all!

Nafisa offers Hatha Yoga sessions most Tuesdays (6-7:30 pm) and Saturdays (12:30-2 pm) in the Rear Lounge. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge. Please bring a yoga mat if possible.

### Community Church Memorabilia Discovered at the Museum of the City of New York

By Heidi Siegfried

**O**n Halloween I visited the Museum of the City of New York to take in their exhibit “Folk City: New York and the Folk Music Revival.” It is a celebration of the City's role as the center of the folk music revival from its beginnings in the 1930s and 1940s to its heyday in the 1950s and 1960s, and features a wide array of memorabilia, photos, video, and sound recordings including Lead Belly's 12-string guitar, Odetta's iconic guitar, “Baby,” along with one of her colorful dashikis, the original handwritten manuscript of Bob Dylan's “Blowin' in the Wind”, a trademark felt cap worn by Phil Ochs, and handwritten letters by Woody Guthrie and Community Church member Pete Seeger. One section covers the expansion of folk music culture in the 1950s,

when the genre changed to an art form associated with leftist politics during the Red Scare—ensnaring many performers, including Seeger. In this section can be found a handbill for a 1961 fundraising concert for the Pete Seeger Defense Fund being held at where else? — The Community Church of New York. This exhibit remains on view through Sunday, January 10, 2016. There are also excellent exhibits on the work of Jacob A. Riis, Affordable Housing in New York, and the New York City Marathon. The Museum of the City of New York is located at 1220 Fifth Avenue. Suggested Admission is \$14, although it is a pay-what-you-wish museum and the day I went you could get a ticket to visit the Museo del Barrio next door for the price of your MCNY admission.

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# Halloween Haunted House



### International Symposium on Cultural Diplomacy in the United Nations

*By Roger Worms*

**O**n September 22-26, the Institute on Cultural Diplomacy hosted the International Symposium on Cultural Diplomacy in the UN, "The 70th Anniversary of the Establishment of the UN: Developing Initiatives to Promote Cultural Understanding, Global Human Rights & World Peace."

The historic day of November 9, 2014, which marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall and the summer of 2015 which will mark the 70th anniversary of the end of the last world war and the establishment of the UN, represents the major transitions that have taken place globally in the development of global human rights towards a more peaceful, prosperous, equal and protected society.

We celebrate these historic occasions together throughout the world, and in particular, at a time when new forms of violence are currently on the rise. We must remember and learn from the global cooperation and diverse initiatives of that time, which have allowed us the privilege to no longer live in a region of peoples divided, cultures suppressed and voices oppressed.

The Institute for Cultural Diplomacy created the symposium in order to build on this past experience and to formulate new initiatives, which will strengthen international relations and encourage cooperation between diverse communities based upon values of peace, democracy, human rights and the rule of law.

In an age of growing international instability, many questions are being posed about the responsibility and the role of the United Nations in today's interdependent world. This Symposium takes the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the establishment of the UN to bring an international and interdisciplinary group of practitioners of cultural diplomacy together with high level global governance representatives in order to analyze and to develop new initiatives to promote cultural understanding, global human rights & world peace within the UN.

Roger Worme, member of the Community Church's United Nations Global Affairs Committee, and the NYC Action Corps Team Leader of Global Zero, participated in the symposium. Global Zero is the international movement for the elimination of nuclear weapons by 2030. Roger presented the Executive Summary of Global Zero's Commission on Nuclear Risk Reduction.





Gallery35's first show of 2015/2016, *The Fall Collection*, received a good response from the large number of visitors at both the reception and the after-the-church-service tours led by Valerie Lynch.

The artists wish to thank the members and friends of Community Church for their support!

Gallery35's annual holiday season show, titled ***SMALLworks***, will be on exhibit from November 22 to January 8! The art—created in a variety of media by 11 Gallery35 artists—will be limited to 300 sq inches or less (including the frame) making each piece especially suited for “giving the gift of art” during this holiday season.

A holiday artists' reception with refreshments is in the works! In addition to the art on exhibit, there will be a sale of unframed art and assorted items crafted by Gallery35 artists. **Everything, including the exhibited art, may be taken at the time of purchase!** Come meet the artists and enjoy the festivities on **December 12 from 3 to 5 pm**. Bring the family!

Show runs: November 22 – January 8, 2016

Artists' Reception and Holiday Sale: Saturday, December 12, 3-5 pm



## NEWS FROM THE BOOKSTALL



Books that have been selected for recent and upcoming book studies are available at our Bookstall on Sundays. Stop by and check out our offerings.

*This Changes Everything* by Naomi Klein  
Special Price \$10.

*The Sixth Extinction* by Elizabeth Kolbert  
Coming Soon

### BOOKSTALL:

WITH EVERY NEW BOOK PURCHASED GET TWO FREE USED BOOKS OR CDs OR DVDs!

### GREETING CARDS:

NOW AVAILABLE. THEY ARE MADE BY OUR COMMUNITY CARD MAKING CIRCLE.

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## OPPORTUNITIES 2015~16

### **Secular Humanist Society of New York Book Club**

First Thursdays – Thursdays, December 3 and January 7,  
7-8:30 pm, Front Lounge

Some of us will have dinner together afterwards at a nearby (inexpensive) restaurant. Please join us. Join us even if you haven't finished reading. The book club is open to all ... and free!

Dec Title: *THE SHAPE OF THE NEW: Four Big Ideas and How They Made the Modern World* by Scott L. Montgomery and Daniel Chirot  
Jan Title: TBA

### **Christmas Eve *Messiah* Choir Rehearsals**

Begins Saturday/Sunday, December 5-6, 12:45 pm

Join us for our first rehearsals. New singers are welcome. Please contact Jerry Brown, Director of Music, by December 6, if you would like to join this special choir.

### **First Saturday Feeding of the Hungry in the Bowery**

First Saturdays, December 5 and January 2, 10:45 am-12 pm

We invite you to help the Sai Baba Group feed the hungry on the First Saturday of each month. We meet on Forsyth, just south of Houston at 10:45 am. Please bring vegetarian food to share with the over 100 people who come. This is an outdoor event so dress for the weather. For more information contact Valerie Lynch at [vlynch@ccny.org](mailto:vlynch@ccny.org) or 212-683-4988.

### **Gallery35 -SMALLworks – Artists' Reception and Holiday Sale**

Saturday, December 12, 3-5 pm, Gallery

Gallery35 is presenting its annual holiday season show—*SMALLworks!* The exhibit features “small” art in a variety of media—plus a fine crafts table at the reception! Come see new work by church members and friends, all talented Gallery35 artists. All purchases, including art on exhibit, may be taken at time of purchase. Great gift ideas just in time for the holidays!

### **Anti-Racism Team**

The team will offer films and discussions on various Sundays. The next date will be announced soon.

### **Continuing the Journey**

First Sundays, December 6 and January 3, 12:45-2 pm, Gallery  
And/or Third Thursdays, December 17 and January 21, 6-7:15 pm  
Do you wonder why your decisions are encumbered with old feelings? We will be exploring loss, sadness, stress, frustrations and discovering forgiveness, healing, serenity and calmness. These sessions follow the format of the meditation and conversation circles that began this summer. Series will be led by Barbara Simpson, Hospice Chaplain.

### **Deck the Halls – Community's Holiday Party**

Sunday, December 20, 12:15 pm, Assembly Hall

We invite you to a special Fellowship Hour as we celebrate the Holidays together. Please bring a favorite dish or dessert to share. Santa will join us too!

### **Christmas Eve Services**

**Candle Lighting Service** – Wednesday, December 24, 4:30 pm  
Followed with reception

**Annual Handel's Messiah Concert** – Wednesday, December 24, 7:30 pm – No Tickets Required-Free Will Offering Taken

### **Tickets for Christmas Day Dinner on Sale at Book Stall**

We invite you to join us for our annual celebration on Friday, December 25, 12 pm, in Assembly Hall, and enjoy a delicious dinner hosted by Rev. Bruce Southworth and Kay Xanthakos. Adults \$20/Children under 12 \$7 /Family Maximum \$50. **Tickets must be prepaid by December 13. Payment by check or cash (exact amount) accepted.**

**Kwanzaa Sunday** – Sunday, December 27, 11 am, Hall of Worship  
Kwanzaa is a Pan-African celebration of family, community, and culture. This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the first celebration and concludes on the first day 2016. The service will include elements for all ages and children are welcome!

### **Engaged Conversations: Secular Buddhism's Support for Daily Practice** – Sundays, November 29 and December 27

12:30-2:30 pm, Room TBA

Alan Oliver returns to Community Church to offer a 5 session Secular Buddhism study. In addition to discussions on immediate issues of concern, the sessions will include presentations and discussions on the following topics: 1. Buddha and the Role of the Teacher; 2. What the Buddha Taught; 3. Applications of Buddhist Teachings; 4. Navigating In Time; 5. Exploring the Traditions in Buddhism.

### **UU Women's Association Luncheon/Lecture**

Saturday, January 23, 1-4 pm, Gallery/Front Lounge

*Alice Paul – HOW WOMEN FINALLY GOT THE VOTE IN 1920*

Guest Speaker: Mary Walton, Acclaimed Biographer  
Flyer/RSVP/Registration form available soon.

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### **Exploring World Religions**

Third Sundays – December 20 and January 17, 1-2:15 pm,  
Conference Room

This series will present a basic picture of each of nine World Religions, using video and other imaging, text, commentary, and sometimes art and music. The class will be led by Rev. Orlanda Brugnola.

### **Studying Humanism**

Last Mondays, January 25, 6:30-8:30 pm, Conference Room  
(No December session)

A monthly study group facilitated by John Rafferty of the Secular Humanist Society of New York.

### **Social Tea**

Tuesday, January 26, 2-3:30 pm, Assembly Hall  
Join us for a guest speaker, conversation and light refreshments.

### **Green Sanctuary's 2015-2016 Book Group Series**

Tuesdays, January 12 (and February 9), Gallery  
6-6:30pm – Noshing & Socializing – *please bring something to share* – 6:30-8:30pm – Discussion  
January/February Title: *The Sixth Extinction* by Elizabeth Kolbert

**Annual Holiday Craft Fair** – Sunday, December 6 – 12:30-4 pm  
We will once again feature food, fun, and fabulous crafts and gifts made by artisan members and friends of Community Church. For information about tables, contact Jody Leight at [j\\_cyberbunny@yahoo.com](mailto:j_cyberbunny@yahoo.com) or at (973) 673.7354.

### **Unitarian Universalist Christian Fellowship / Advent Event**

Thursday, December 10, 7:30-9 pm, Front Lounge  
Our Advent event, led by Rev. Kelly Murphy Mason, a UU Community Minister, will be a highly experiential workshop on the contemplative practice of Centering Prayer. Two documents, one outlining the essential elements of this spiritual practice, courtesy of the Center for Contemplative Outreach, headed by Fr. Thomas Keating, and another illustrating the “family tree” of contemplative practices across various world religions, courtesy of the Metta Institute, is available on our website or by request – contact the church office. Everyone is welcome.

**Quarterly Congregational Meeting** – Sunday, January 31, 1 pm, Assembly Hall  
Everyone is welcome to attend. Voting Members will be voting on several matters. Lunch will be available.

### **Governance/Committee Meetings:**

**Please note there may be changes due to holidays**

**Board of Trustees Meetings** – 4th Wednesdays, 6:30-9 pm, Gallery  
(Nov Meeting Dec 2 / Dec Meeting TBA)

**Church Council Meetings** – Meets Quarterly (next meeting December 9, 6:30-7:30 pm Meeting, Gallery)

**Finance Committee** – 3rd Wednesdays, 6 pm, Gallery

**Buildings and Grounds Committee** – 1st Mondays, 6 pm, Conference Room

**UN and Global Affairs Committee** – 2nd Sundays, 1-2:15 pm, Conference Room

## **Other Opportunities**



Most Saturdays, 8 pm, Assembly Hall ~ [www.peoplesvoicecafe.org](http://www.peoplesvoicecafe.org)

### **Here's what's coming up:**

Dec 5: Charlie King

Dec 12: Lydia Adams David; Ubaka Hill

Dec 19: Guy Davis

Dec 26: (Closed for Holidays)

Jan 2: Lois Morton; Sue Jeffers

Jan 9: Reggie Harris & Pat Wictor

Jan 16: Marie Mularczyk O'Connell & the Mountain Maidens;  
Norris Bennett

Jan 23: Kevin Nathaniel; Owens Brothers Band

Jan 30: (Closed for People's Music Network Winter Gathering  
in Albany, NY)

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**Esperanto Society** – Third Fridays, 7 pm, 3rd Floor Classroom (Sept-May)

**Henry George School** is offering classes at Community on various evenings. Community Church Members and Friends are welcome – no fee. For more information contact (212) 889-8020 or email [info@hgsss.org](mailto:info@hgsss.org).

### **Pathways Series – Let's Get Acquainted**

Sunday, January 10, 12:45-1:30 pm

What does it mean to be a Unitarian Universalist? What does it mean to be a member of Community Church? In order to help answer these questions, we offer our Pathways Classes. This session is led by Rev. Bruce Southworth, our Senior Minister. He will share his journey and brief history of the church. This session will give people a chance to ask questions about our church as well as what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist.

## FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

### **Sunday School – 11 am**

All Children and Youth are Welcome!

Contact Esther Rosado, Director of Lifespan Religious Education  
212-683-4988 ext. 23. [erosado@ccny.org](mailto:erosado@ccny.org)



**Classical Vocal Arts for Children** – December 13 and 27 and January 10 and 24, 12:45-2 pm, Gallery  
Regular Sessions – 2nd and 4th Sundays Cheryl Warfield, Artistic Director of Manhattan Opera Repertory Ensemble, known as MOREOpera, will offer a year-long series of classical vocal arts for children and youth, including music appreciation and chorus training program open to all children aged 6-14 (some flexibility) so invite family, friends and neighbors too. There will be no tuition fee. For more information contact Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator, [vlynch@ccny.org](mailto:vlynch@ccny.org) or 212-683-4988, ext. 19.



# Events Calendar for December 2015

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| <b>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3</b><br>7:00 Secular Humanist Book Society Book Club<br><br><b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5</b><br>10:45 1st Saturday Feeding<br>12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani<br>12:45 Messiah Rehearsal<br><br><b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6</b><br>9:30 Choir Rehearsal<br>11:00 Morning Worship<br>11:00 Sunday School<br>12:15 Fellowship Hour<br>12:30 Holiday Craft Fair<br>12:45 Messiah Rehearsal<br>12:45 Continuing the Journey<br><br><b>MONDAY, DECEMBER 7</b><br><b>Hanukkah</b><br>6:00 Buildings & Grounds<br><br><b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8</b><br>6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani<br><br><b>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9</b><br>6:00 Church Council Potluck<br>6:30 Church Council Meeting | <b>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10</b><br>7:30 UU Christian Fellowship<br><br><b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11</b><br>6:30 Henry George School<br><br><b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12</b><br>12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani<br>3:00 Gallery35 Artists' Reception<br>8:00 Peoples' Voice Café<br><br><b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13</b><br>9:30 Choir Rehearsal<br>11:00 Morning Worship<br>11:00 Sunday School<br>12:15 Fellowship Hour<br>12:45 Classical Vocal Arts for Children<br>1:00 UN & Global Affairs<br><br><b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15</b><br>6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani<br><br><b>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16</b><br>6:00 Finance Committee<br><br><b>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17</b><br>6:00 Continuing the Journey | <b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18</b><br>7:00 Esperanto Society<br><br><b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19</b><br>12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani<br>8:00 Peoples' Voice Café<br><br><b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20</b><br>11:00 Morning Worship<br>11:00 Sunday School<br>12:15 Fellowship Hour<br>12:15 Deck the Halls Holiday Party<br>12:45 Volunteer Choir Rehearsal<br>12:45 Vocal Arts for Children<br>1:00 Exploring World Religions<br><br><b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22</b><br>6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani<br><br><b>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24</b><br><b>Christmas Eve Services</b><br>4:30 Candle Lighting Service<br>7:30 Messiah Concert | <b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25</b><br>12:00 <b>Christmas Day Dinner (Ticket Required)</b><br><br><b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26</b><br>12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani<br>8:00 Peoples' Voice Café<br><br><b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27</b><br><b>Kwanzaa</b><br>9:30 Choir Rehearsal<br>11:00 Morning Worship<br>11:00 Sunday School<br>12:00 Secular Buddhism<br>12:15 Fellowship Hour<br>12:45 Volunteer Choir<br>12:45 Classical Vocal Arts for Children<br>1:00 Exploring Secular Buddhism<br><br><b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29</b><br>6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani<br><br><b>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30</b><br>6:30 Board of Trustees | <b>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31</b><br><b>New Year's Eve</b><br><br> |
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## SAVE THE DATE ~ QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Sunday, January 31, 12:45 pm**

Plan to attend our quarterly Congregational Meeting. All members who joined prior to October 26, 2015, and have made a "financial contribution of record" are eligible to vote. Please contact Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator, if you have any questions.



## FUND FOR HOLIDAY GREENS

Each holiday season, our worship space is transformed with fragrant pine, bright red poinsettias, all bathed in the glow of candlelight.

And in the Assembly Hall stands a Christmas tree decorated with beautiful ornaments, many of them handmade by the children.

You can help make this traditional beauty possible by making a contribution to the HOLIDAY GREENS.

All contributions will be acknowledged in the Community Connections.

YES, I would like to support the HOLIDAY GREENS.

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### FRIDAY, JANUARY 1 New Year's Day

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

10:45 First Saturday Feeding  
12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani  
8:00 People's Voice Café

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

9:30 Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 Morning Worship  
11:00 Sunday School  
12:15 Fellowship Hour  
12:45 Continuing the Journey

### MONDAY, JANUARY 4

6:00 Buildings & Grounds

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani  
7:00 Streetsingers

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

6:30 Gallery35

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

7:00 Secular Humanist Book Club

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani  
8:00 People's Voice Café

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

9:30 Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 Morning Worship  
11:00 Sunday School  
12:15 Fellowship Hour  
12:45 Volunteer Choir Rehearsal  
12:45 Let's Get Acquainted  
12:45 Classical Vocal Arts for Children  
1:00 UN & Global Affairs

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani  
6:00 Green Sanctuary Book Group  
7:00 Streetsingers

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

7:00 Esperanto Society

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani  
8:00 People's Voice Café

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

9:30 Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 Morning Worship  
11:00 Sunday School  
12:15 Fellowship Hour  
12:45 Volunteer Choir Rehearsal  
1:00 Exploring World Religions

### MONDAY, JANUARY 18

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**  
**Church Building Closed**

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani  
7:00 Streetsingers

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

6:00 Finance Committee

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani  
1:00 UU Women's Assn. Luncheon

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

9:30 Choir Rehearsal  
9:45 UN Global Affairs  
11:00 Morning Worship  
11:00 Sunday School  
12:15 Fellowship Hour  
12:30 Exploring Secular Buddhism  
12:45 Classical Vocal Arts for Children  
12:45 Volunteer Choir Rehearsal

### MONDAY, JANUARY 25

6:30 Studying Humanism

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

2:00 Social Tea  
6:00 Yoga with Nafisa Degani  
7:00 Streetsingers

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

6:30 Board of Trustees

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

12:30 Yoga with Nafisa Degani  
8:00 People's Voice Café

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

12:45 **Congregational Quarterly Meeting**

Rev. Bruce Southworth, Senior Minister  
Esther Rosado, Director of Lifespan Religious Education  
Gerald A. Brown, Director of Music  
Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator  
Rev. Dr. Orlanda Brugnola, Affiliate Minister

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